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HMPH
HMPH
GET TO WORK... MORE THAN THAT.
GUEHH I STILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO GO.
YOU STILL HAVE HALF YOUR ROUTINE TO GO.
ARE YOU SLACKING?
砂漠の薔薇
デザート・ローズ
THERE'S EVEN A POOL AND A CLUBHOUSE.
A FIRST CLASS FITNESS CLUB.
EHHH AMAZING

砂の薔薇

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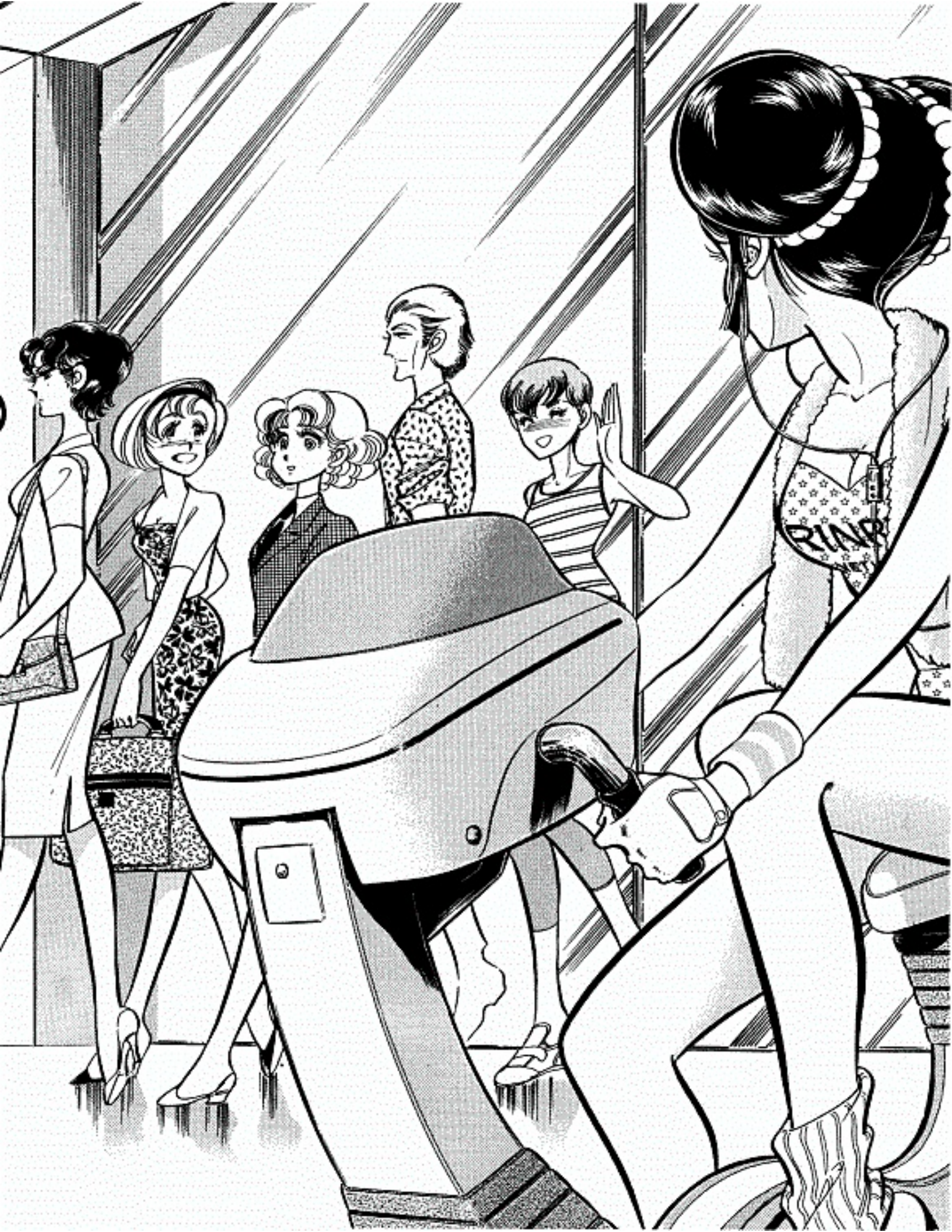


PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE BRIEFING ROOM AT ONCE!!
Fancy
fantastic
AND HEALTHY TOO.
SO COOL
kyai kyai
BEING AN ESCORT-GUARD FOR A VIP LOOKS LIKE A HIP JOB.

Ah ha ha ha
Kyah
Kyah

CAT LADIES: THE HIGHLY COMPENSATED AND HEALTHY NEW SERVICE TREND.

WHAT... !! WAS THAT?
THE NEW RE-CRUITS.
N-NO IDEA...
MARIE

THEY WON'T MAKE IT VERY LONG... ALIVE.
IT'S NOT LIKE WHEN WE ENTERED CAT.
EVERY-ONE IS SHORT-HANDED THESE DAYS...
THOSE ARE GONNA BE RESER-VISTS!?
HOLD ON A SECOND ... WH-WHAT!!
WHAT'S WITH THE CHEESY AD COPY...
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING FOUR GIRLS OUT OF THAT BUNCH.
IT'S OUR JOB TO GIVE THEM A FIGHTING CHANCE TO SURVIVE.
.....
!
!

HOLD ON, MARIE
WHY DO WE HAVE TO TRAIN THE GREEN-HORNS?
AREN'T THERE COM-PREHENSIVE TRAINING CENTERS IN ARIZONA AND CANADA?
ARIZONA AND CANDA ARE SECTION M... MEANING, THEY ARE COMPLETELY BOOKED TRAINING THE MALE RECRUITS.
WE AREN'T TRAINERS. WE DO MISSIONS.
ORDERS FROM UPSTAIRS ARE THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS IN SECTION M TO EIGHT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
RIGHT NOW WE GIRLS IN SECTION F HAVE THREE TEAMS.
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS...
DIVISION C WILL TAKE THREE AND DIVISION R WILL TAKE THREE.
WHY DO WE HAVE TO TAKE ONE MORE?
BECAUSE... I DREW THE SHORT STRAW.
SORRY...
...SHE ESH... OH WELL...
!!

MARIE
SIX OF THE TEN SERVED IN THE MARINES OR THE ARMY, AND THE OTHER FOUR WENT TO THE POLICE ACADEMY.
BUT...THEY PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THE BASICS. THEY AREN'T AMATEURS.
STILL, IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY. YOU NEED TO START GETTING EXPERIENCE AS AN INSTRUCTOR.
YOU WON'T BE YOUNG FOREVER.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW RECRUITS? I THINK YOU HAVE YOUR WORK CUT OUT FOR YOU, BUT DO YOUR BEST.
COM-MANDER WELLS OF DIVISION C...
.....
COMMANDER WELLS WAS VICE-PRINCI-PAL AT AN EXCLUSIVE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE SHE CAME HERE.
pat pat
AHH, BUT THE GIRL STUDENTS THESE DAYS WEAR OUT A PERSON OF MY YEARS.

APPARENTLY THE LETTERS ARE THE INITIALS OF THE NAME OF EACH DIVISION COMMANDER.
THEY AREN'T NUMBERED LIKE NO. 1 AND NO. 2? HEHH
EACH DIVISION IS FORMED LIKE A PLATOON. THE DIVISIONS ARE C, R, AND M. SO...
THEY SAY THAT DIVISION M HAS THE HIGHEST SUCCESS RATE OF ANY DIVISION IN CAT.
AND OUR COMMANDER IS MARIE ROSEBANK. THEY CALL HER "MARIE THE ROSE."
WE'RE WITH DIVISION M...
HEH... THAT'S COOL. MARIE THE ROSE. SHE'S BOUND TO BE SOME OLD HAG TRYING TO LOOK YOUNG.
.....
.....
.....
...WHICH MEANS... THEIR CASUALTY RATE MUST BE HIGH, TOO...
ON YOUR FEET!!

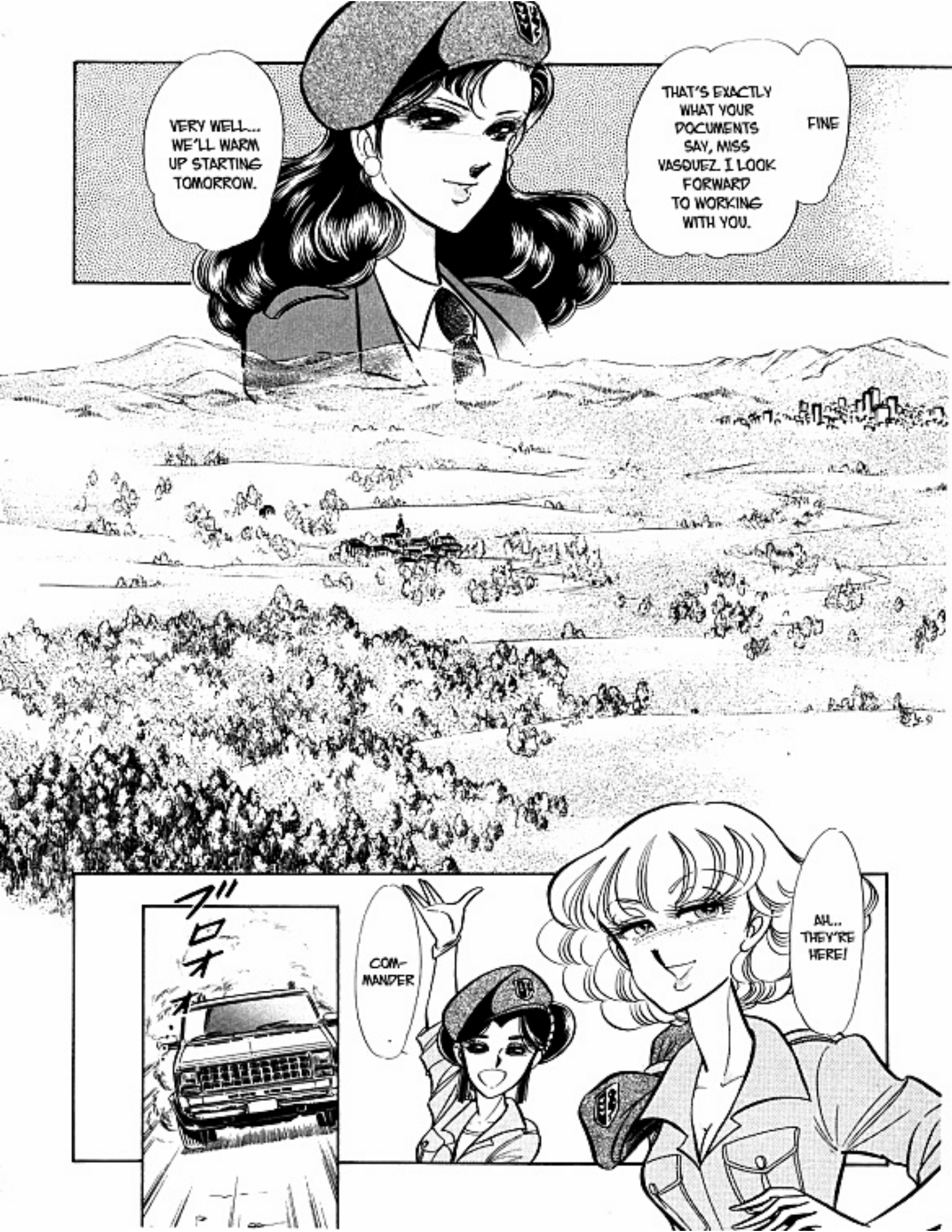
YOU WILL NOW BE ADDRESSED BY THE COMMANDER.
NO WHISPERING AMONGST YOURSELVES!! AT-TENTION!!
I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO CAT.

I AM THE COMMANDER OF DIVISION M, MARIKO ROSEBANK.
THIS IS MY SECOND-IN-COMMAND, HELGA MITTELMEIER.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, SHE IS THE ONE IN CHARGE.
BE SEAT-ED!!
WHO IS IT SAID...*OLD HAG?*
HOW WAS I SUP-POSED TO KNOW.
ah she's pretty ...
THERE!! I SAID NO WHISPERING!
S-SORRY, MA'AM!!
.....

I IMAGINE YOU ALL HAVE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR WANTING TO JOIN CAT, SO TO START OUT WITH, MAY I ASK EACH OF YOU TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF?
WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST, OVER THERE.
AH... SURE
MY NAME IS BARBARA EDWARDS.
I WAS A CORPORAL IN THE ARMY, DIVISION 12, 18TH CAVALRY.
MY NAME IS JOANN BENNETT.
I WAS A SERGEANT IN THE ARMY, DIVISION 5, 21ST AIRBORNE.
M-MY NAME IS CARINA PARSON.
I WAS IN THE CHICAGO POLICE, PRECINCT 17, ATTACHED TO THE D.A. SQUAD.
BUT I WAS ONLY AN INSPECTOR. NOTHING SPECIAL.
THE D.A. SQUAD!!
THAT'S AN ELITE ASSIGNMENT.

NO IDEA..I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POLICE WORK.
D.A. SQUAD ...?
I'M SURE YOU HAD MUCH SUCCESS.
D.A. STANDS FOR "DRUG ATTACK." THE D.A. SQUAD SPECIALIZED IN DRUG CASES...
OH...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
SURELY I DON'T HAVE TO SPELL IT ALL OUT AGAIN.
MY PRIOR ASSIGN-MENT IS WRITTEN THERE IN THE REPORT.
KIM VAS-QUEZ.
NEXT

!!
DETONICS 45
INTERNAL REGULATIONS.
WE ARE MAKING SURE YOU ARE THE PERSON YOU SAY YOU ARE.
SHADDAP, BRAT!!
YOU AREN'T RECITING YOUR PAST HERE BECAUSE IT'S FUN TO TELL STORIES 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE.
WE ARE CHECKING WHAT YOU SAY AGAINST THE DOCUMENTS.
!!
!!
DIVISION 16, SCOUTING PATROL COMPANY 8...
I...WAS A SERGEANT IN THE MARINES.
IF I DECIDE YOU AREN'T THE PERSON IN THESE DOCUMENTS AND INSTEAD ARE A TERRORIST WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE US, I'LL LET HER PULL THE TRIGGER.


VERY WELL... WE'LL WARM UP STARTING TOMORROW.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOUR DOCUMENTS SAY, MISS VASQUEZ. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
FINE
ブロオオ
COM-MANDER
AH... THEY'RE HERE!

THIS...IS A TRAINING FACILITY?
INDEED
Looks more like a movie set.
I WILL NOW INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF DIVISION M.
YOU'VE ALREADY MET HELGA
DELILAH KANKKUNEN WELCOME

HI
LESLIE
COLLEEN
LIN
IRENE
COOKIE
TODAY SHE ISN'T FEELING WELL, BUT SHE'LL BE JOINING US TOMORROW.
AND WE ALSO HAVE JESSICA WHO IS OUR EXPLOSIVES EXPERT.
YOU HAVE FREE TIME FROM SEVEN O' CLOCK ON.
AFTER LUNCH, SMALL ARMS TRAINING.
IN THE MORNING WE WILL BE STUDYING ANTI-TERRORISM TECHNIQUES IN A CLASS-ROOM.

BEFORE WE BEGIN TRAINING, I HAVE TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS.
HAVE ANY OF YOU BEEN HAVING REGULAR SEX WITH A PARTICULAR PARTNER?
.....
...well... that is to say...
...oh... well...
What's with that all of a sudden...
!
I DON'T GIVE A FLIP ABOUT THE SEX.
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING PREGNANT OR GETTING AIDS.
IF YOU LEAVE THIS KIND OF THING UP TO THE MAN, THEN THE ONE STUCK CRYING LATER IS YOU.
IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ALLERGIES, EXPLAIN THE SPECIFIC SYMPTOMS PLUS THE DETAILS OF YOUR MENSTRUAL CYCLES TO THE MEDIC.
ANSWER ME!!
YES, MA'AM!
DELA IS RATHER ENJOYING THIS.
snicker
TRUE

HELLO, LANEY.
WE'LL BE IMPOSING YOU FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.
COM-MANDER ROSE-BANK
HOW MANY... WILL MAKE IT TO THE END?
HERE IS THE TRAINING SCHEDULE AND OUR EQUIPMENT REQUISITION. GIVE IT A LOOK.
SO DIVISION M IS DOING TRAINING?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THANK YOU.
A GOOD LOOK-ING BUNCH, RIGHT?
U FU FU
THE SECOND FROM THE RIGHT AND THE ONE ON THE FAR LEFT.

YOU... AND THAT SUPPLY OFFICER WILDER.
YOU'RE THE ONE I'M MOST WORRIED ABOUT.
THERE WON'T BE ANY BOLD MEN APPROACHING THE CAMP OF DIVISION M.
HA HA HA
I KNOW. BUT I'M NO GOOD WITH GIRLS.
THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY. LANEY
WHY?
GUN SHOP
I ALSO THINK THAT THE ONES THAT WILL MAKE IT ARE CARINA AND KIM.
CALL IT A WOMAN'S INTUITION.

PING
FOUR SECONDS IS TWO OVER.
IN FOUR SECONDS THE ENEMY CAN ADVANCE TEN METERS.
GIVE IT TO ME.

...TWO SECONDS ...
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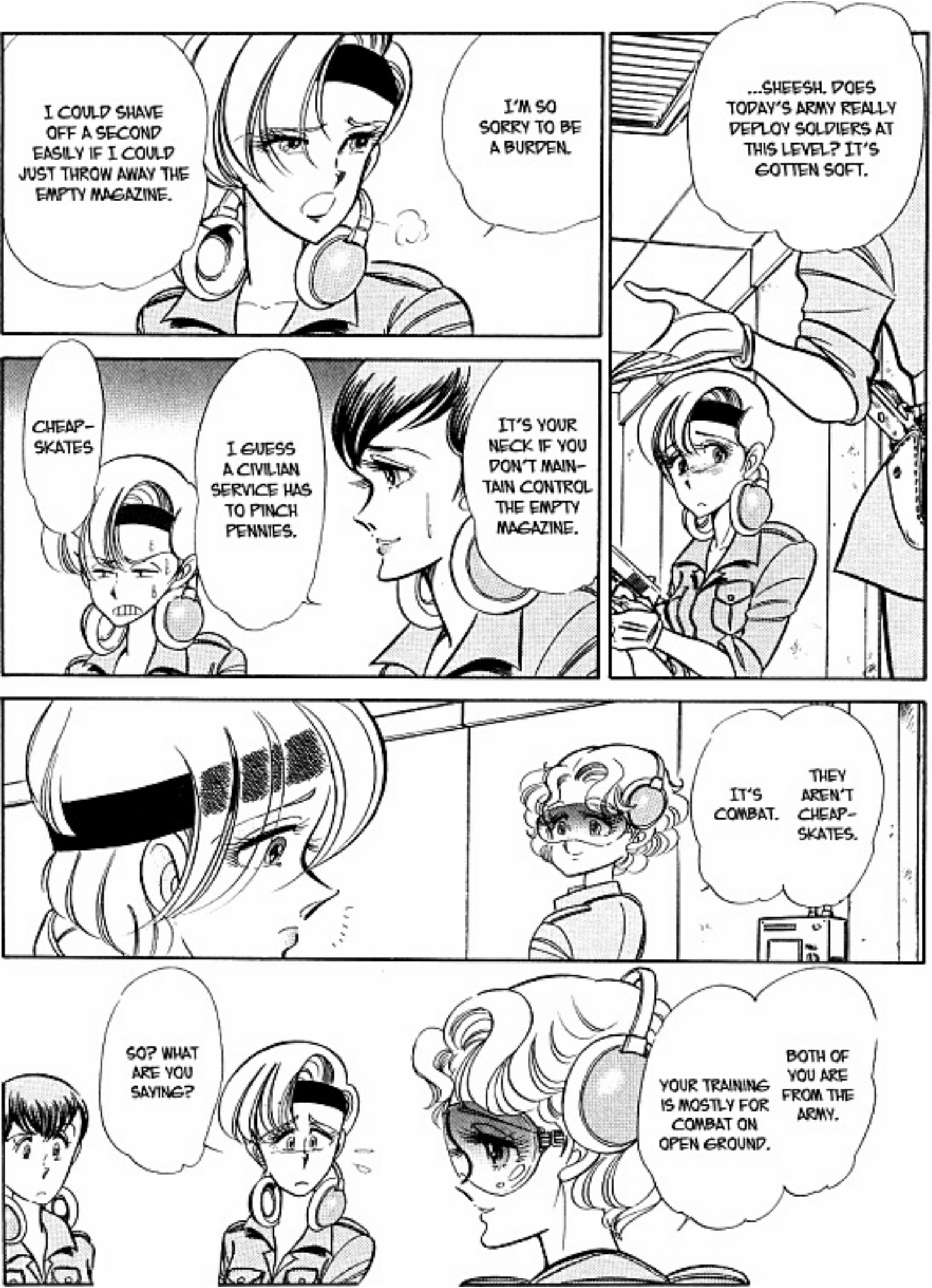
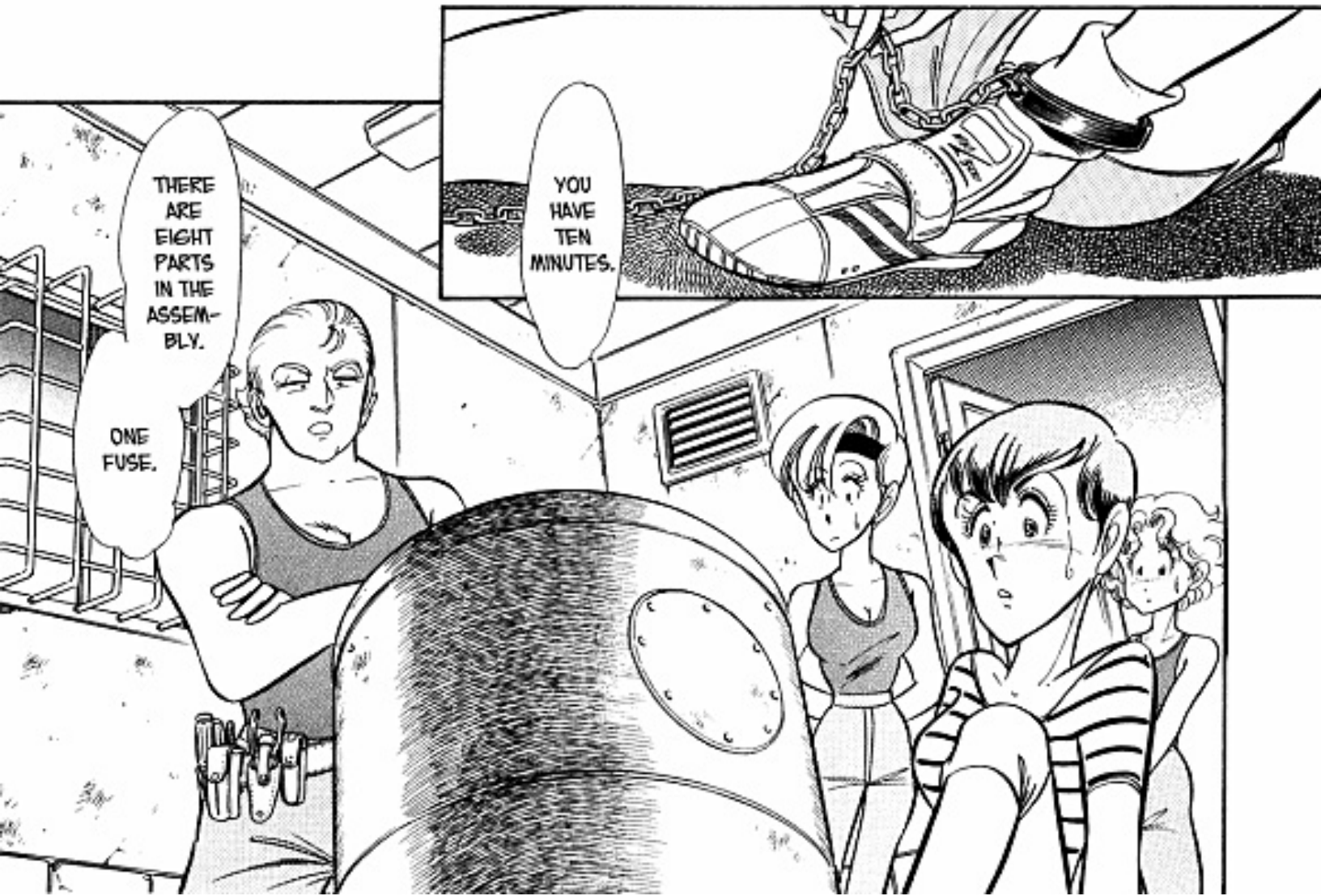
IF YOU CAN'T SHAVE AT LEAST A SECOND OFF YOUR TIME, IN A REAL OPERATION YOU'D BE DEAD.


I COULD SHAVE OFF A SECOND EASILY IF I COULD JUST THROW AWAY THE EMPTY MAGAZINE.
I'M SO SORRY TO BE A BURDEN.
...SHEESH. DOES TODAY'S ARMY REALLY DEPLOY SOLDIERS AT THIS LEVEL? IT'S GOTTEN SOFT.
CHEAP-SKATES
I GUESS A CIVILIAN SERVICE HAS TO PINCH PENNIES.
IT'S YOUR NECK IF YOU DON'T MAINTAIN CONTROL THE EMPTY MAGAZINE.
IT'S COMBAT.
THEY AREN'T CHEAP-SKATES.
SO? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOUR TRAINING IS MOSTLY FOR COMBAT ON OPEN GROUND.
BOTH OF YOU ARE FROM THE ARMY.

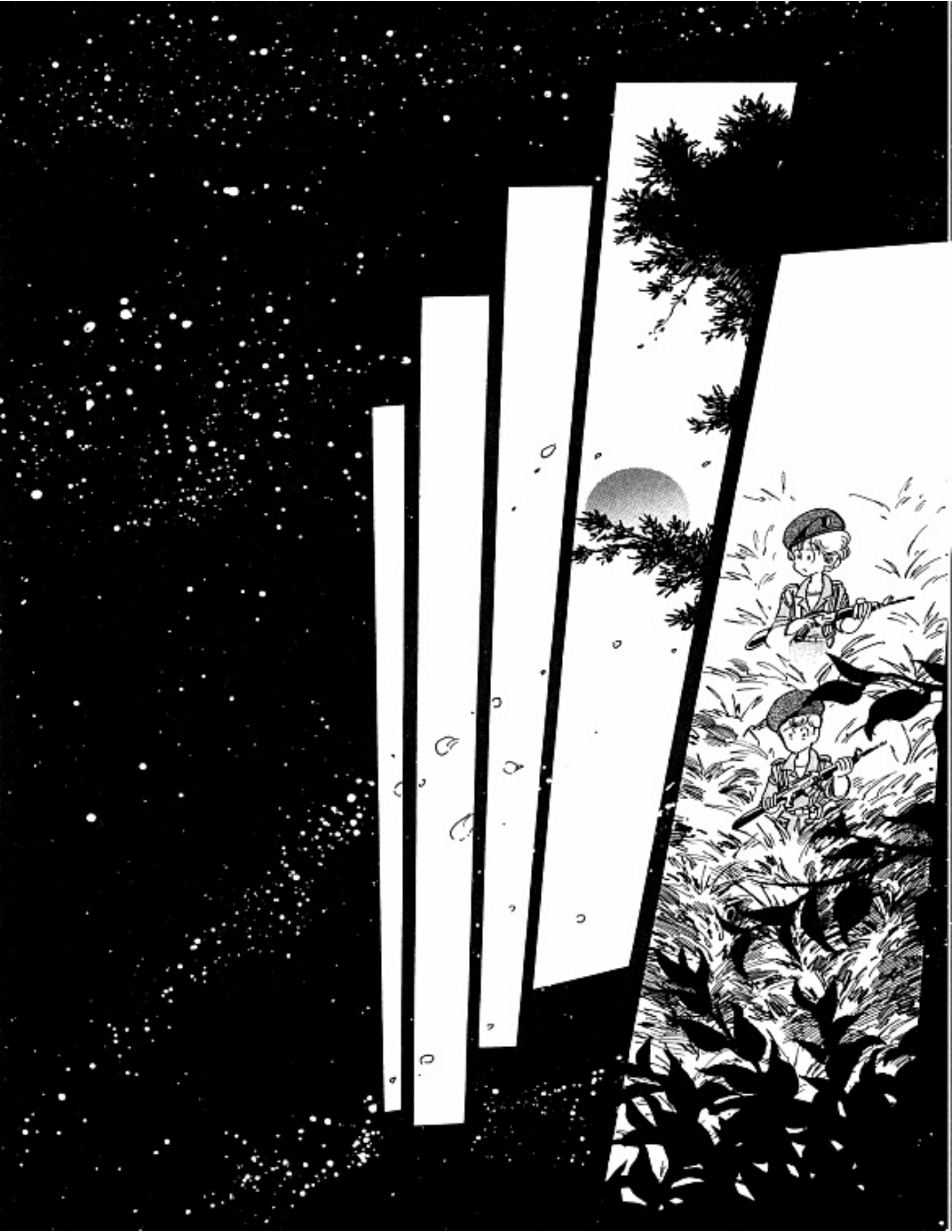
CAT FIGHTS IN CITIES...AND SIXTY PERCENT OF THEIR ENGAGEMENTS ARE LIKELY TO BE INDOOR ROOM-TO-ROOM COMBAT.
IN THE FIELD YOU CAN THROW AWAY AN EMPTY MAGAZINE WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND.
INSIDE A HOUSE, THE SOUND WOULD GIVE YOUR POSITION AWAY TO THE ENEMY.

CAT'S COMBAT SHOOTING IS MORE LIKE THE POLICE THAN THE ARMY.


YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES.
THERE ARE EIGHT PARTS IN THE ASSEMBLY.
ONE FUSE.

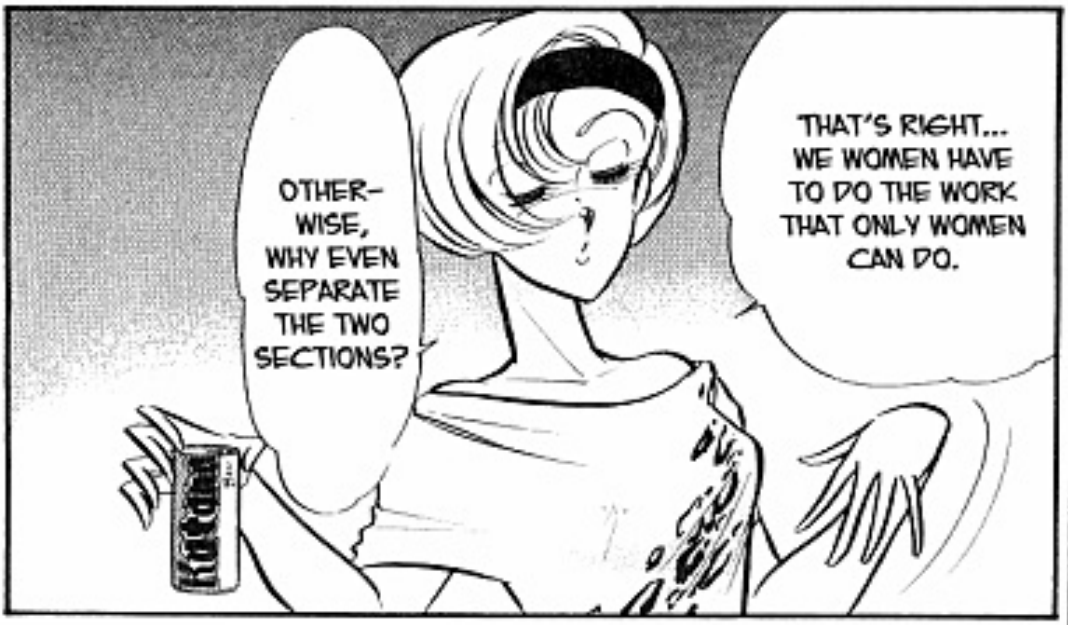
YOU THINK?
...NO... WAY...
SO...IF I CAN'T DISASSEMBLE THE BOMB IN TIME, HOW MANY DEMERITS DO I GET?
NO DEMERITS. BUT IT WILL BLOW OFF YOUR FOOT.
HEY!!
LISTEN UP!! IT'S DANGEROUS SO EVERYONE OUT.
You could die. One is enough...
SWITCH ON.
OH...I FORGOT.

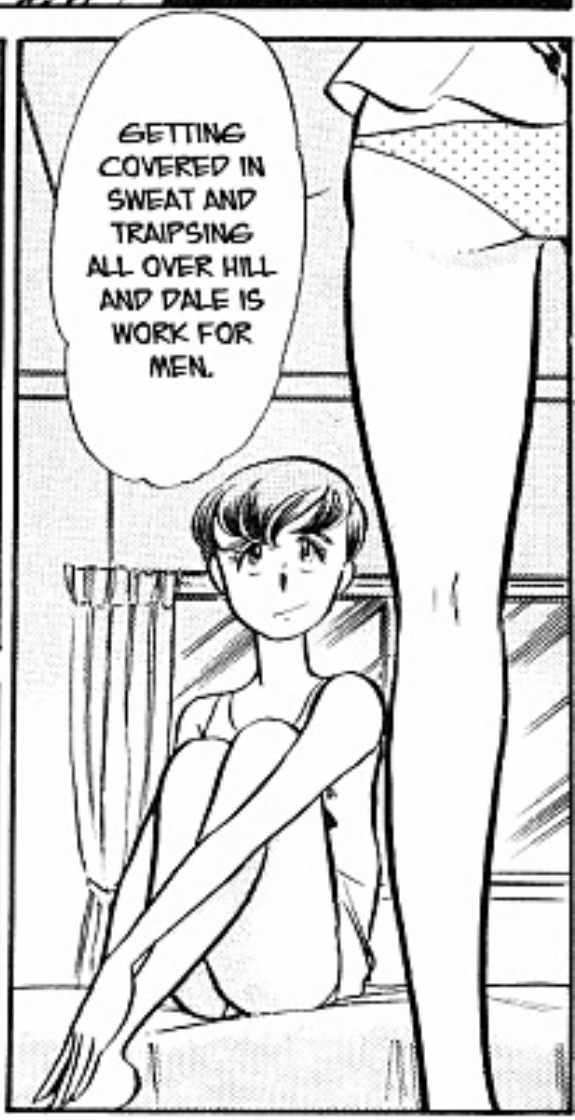
That was too scary...
Ehhh -Ehhh
DANGER!



I GUESS YOU AREN'T USED TO HANDLING AN AUTOMATIC COMING FROM THE POLICE.
UH-HUH. POLICE OFFICERS ALMOST ALWAYS USE REVOLVERS.
DAMN...
WHAT'S WRONG, CARINA?
I CUT MY FINGER DIS-ASSEMBLING MY GUN.
DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS DIVISION?
PROBABLY A REAL ASSIGNMENT WON'T BE AS BAD.
WELL... TRAINING IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
HMPH...THIS IS TURNING OUT TO BE WAY HARDER THAN I EXPECTED.

WE'RE DOING THIS STUFF NOW... BUT I EXPECT OUR REAL WORK WILL BE ESCORTING AND GUARDING VIP'S.
THERE ARE THREE TEAMS AMONG THE CAT FEMALE FORCES. I SUPPOSE AFTER TRAINING WE COULD BE ASSIGNED TO ANY ONE OF THEM.


OTHER-WISE, WHY EVEN SEPARATE THE TWO SECTIONS?
THAT'S RIGHT... WE WOMEN HAVE TO DO THE WORK THAT ONLY WOMEN CAN DO.


GETTING COVERED IN SWEAT AND TRAIPSING ALL OVER HILL AND DALE IS WORK FOR MEN.

WORK...THAT ONLY WOMEN CAN DO...?

KIM
OTHERWISE, WE'RE JUST THE SAME AS MEN...THOUGH WE ARE ON THE RECEIVING END OF SEX.
YOU MEAN GETTING PREGNANT AND GIVING BIRTH? BUT THAT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS.

WHAT...ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT?
IF YOU ARE THINKING THIS IS EASY MONEY, I RECOMMEND CHANGING OCCUPATIONS BEFORE YOU GET HURT.
IF YOU WANT TO, I'LL HAPPILY OBLIGE.
AH... UM
I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DARE TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO. THAT BURNS ME!
THAT ATTITUDE BURNS ME.
YOU FIGURED THIS WOULD BE EXACTLY LIKE THE ARMY BUT WITH HIGHER PAY.

I'LL MAKE YOUR MARINE ASS BOW DOWN AND SLINK AWAY!!
SO WHAT YOU GOT IN THE AIRBORNE? I DARE YOU TO SHOW ME!
AL-WAYS IN SUCH GOOD SPIRITS.
THAT'S EX-MILITARY FOR YA.
C'MON!!
TONIGHT WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL DRILL.

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY-THING IS READY.
LET'S GET STARTED WITH OPERATION "RED NIGHT."

FIVE TERRORISTS HAVE TAKEN HOSTAGES INTO THAT HOUSE.
THE HOSTAGES CONSIST OF ONE WOMAN AND ONE GIRL.
THERE ARE A TOTAL OF EIGHT ROOMS, AND THE HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD IN ONE OF THEM.
YOUR JOB IS TO RESCUE THE HOSTAGES.
EASY ENOUGH, RIGHT?
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH THE DOLLS THAT ARE SERVING AS HOSTAGES.
THE TERRORISTS WILL BE TRYING TO STOP US, I GUESS.
OF COURSE.
OTHERWISE IT WOULDN'T BE A DRILL.
MEMORIZE THIS FLOOR PLAN OF THE HOUSE AND THESE PHOTOS OF THE HOSTAGES.
COLLEEN, BRING THE EQUIPMENT.

THIS IS YOUR WEAPON. IT'S NOT REAL. IT'S AN AIR GUN.
EACH ONE IS LOADED WITH THIRTEEN PAINT PELLETS.
YOU ALSO HAVE A SPARE MAGAZINE, SO YOUR LIFE HANGS ON A TOTAL OF TWENTY-SIX SHOTS.
IF YOU RUN OUT OF BULLETS OR HAVE YOUR GUN TAKEN AWAY, LEAVE THE HOUSE AT ONCE.
IF ONE OF US STEALS ONE OF YOUR GUNS, WE WON'T USE IT.
ACTING AS TERRORISTS, THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY WEAPON.
LIP-STICK!?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE WILL USE IT TO MARK YOU.

A MARK ANYWHERE ELSE WILL BE CONSIDERED A SCRATCH OR A CUT, AND YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.
IF YOU HAVE A MARK ON YOUR HEAD OR LEFT BREAST, IT'S A FATAL WOUND. YOU ARE DEAD.
AS SOON AS YOU HAVE ENTERED, THE LIGHTS THAT ARE POSITIONED HERE AND THERE WILL START TO GO OUT ONE PER MINUTE. AFTER TWENTY MINUTES YOU WILL BE IN TOTAL DARKNESS.
WE WILL BEGIN THE OPERATION IN TEN MINUTES. PLEASE ENTER THE HOUSE THEN.
.....
.....
her face is so sweet but her words are so cruel
BUT... YOU'LL BE DEAD IN FIVE MINUTES.
HOWEVER YOU MUST ENTER THE HOUSE EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE.
YOU OUGHT TO MAKE A PLAN.
YOU HAVE NINE MINUTES FIFTEEN SECONDS LEFT.

HEY, KIM? WHO DIED AND PUT YOU IN CHARGE?
WE NEED TO HAVE RESCUED THE HOSTAGES WITHIN TWENTY MINUTES.
WE HAVE TWENTY MINUTES UNTIL ALL THE LIGHTS ARE OUT AND WE'RE IN TOTAL DARKNESS...WHICH MEANS
HM...
CARINA HOW DOES THE THE D.A. OR THE D.E.A.* HANDLE SITUATIONS LIKE THIS?

*D.E.A.: DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

[File8:紅い夜(前編)　おわり]

砂漠の薔薇
デザート・ローズ
File8: Red Night (Conclusion)

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? THERE'S ONLY ONE MINUTE LEFT... TURN TAIL AND RUN?
DAMN!!
LET'S JUST DO IT!!

!
.....
YOU'LL BE FINE WITH THE COP.
THE TWO OF US WERE IN THE ARMY SO WE'LL PAIR UP.
YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS LEFT. ARE YOU GOING OR NOT?
WHY YOU!!
ARMY SOLDIERS ARE BETTER THAN A THOUSAND MARINES THAT CAN'T FIGHT UNLESS THEY'RE IN A SWARM.
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO GIVE ME A HANDICAP?
ARMY DUMB-ASS.
KIM... QUIETLY... QUIETLY
AH...OH, RIGHT.

I GUESS THEY WANT TO GET THE LAY OF THE LAND WHILE THEY STILL HAVE LIGHT.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ARMY WENT IN THE FRONT DOOR.
THAT'S D.A. FOR YOU.
!!
KIM... PEEK THROUGH THE WINDOWS AND SEE IF ANYONE IS THERE.
LOOK FOR GLINTS FROM A GLASS DOOR OR DISHES AND CHECK EVERY CORNER.
AH...
IF WE DID THAT IN THE POLICE, WE WOULD BE FIRED.
The military makes such a mess...
HOW WOULD YOU DO IT IN THE MARINES?
TOSS A HAND-GRENADE THROUGH THE WINDOW AND STORM THE PLACE.

THE LIGHTS HAVE STARTED GOING OUT UPSTAIRS.
I FIGURED THEY WOULD HAVE STARTED GOING OUT FIRST DOWN-STAIRS.
THERE'S NO INDICATION OF ANYONE DOWN HERE.
WHICH ONE OF THE FOUR UPSTAIRS ROOMS COULD IT BE?
WE HAVE GUNS AND OUR OPPO-NENTS ONLY HAVE LIP-STICK.
THEY'LL HAVE TO GET CLOSE TO MARK US.
SO IT'S BASICALLY LIKE A KNIFE VERSUS GUN FIGHT.
WE HAVE THE ADVAN-TAGE.
TH-THAT'S RIGHT. IF THEY GET NEAR US, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SHOOT.
AS LONG AS THEY CAN'T MARK US, WE'LL BE FINE.
LET'S GO UP-STAIRS.
RIGHT. LET'S PUT AN END TO IT.

WHERE ARE BARBARA AND JOANN?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE ARMY HAS GONE UP-STAIRS.
THE HOUSE HAS A WEIRD LAYOUT.
ALL THE CLOSETS CONNECT BETWEEN NEIGHBOR-ING ROOMS.
WHICH MEANS THE HOSTAGES PROBABLY AREN'T DOWN HERE.
WHICH MEANS... THIS HOUSE WAS ALSO ORIGINALLY MADE AS A MOVIE SET.
OLD MAN TOM THAT COOKS FOR US TOLD ME THIS FACILITY USED TO BE AN OPEN MOVIE SET.
NOW I UNDERSTAND.
EACH ROOM BEING CONNECTED BY A CLOSET GIVES EASY ACCESS FOR THE CAMERA.

I GUESS THE HOSTAGES ARE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
SEEMS LIKE IT'S STARTED.
THERE'S A SMALL STAIRCASE THAT ASCENDS TO THE ATTIC IN THIS SECTION.
THE HOUSE HAS THREE FLOORS, ALTHOUGH YOU CAN ONLY SEE TWO FROM OUTSIDE.
!!
SAY... KIM
THIS HOUSE... HAS MORE THAN FOURTEEN ROOMS.
IF YOU COUNT THE CLOSETS... AS ROOMS,
!!
KY AH H!!

WH-
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YOU...
AHH...
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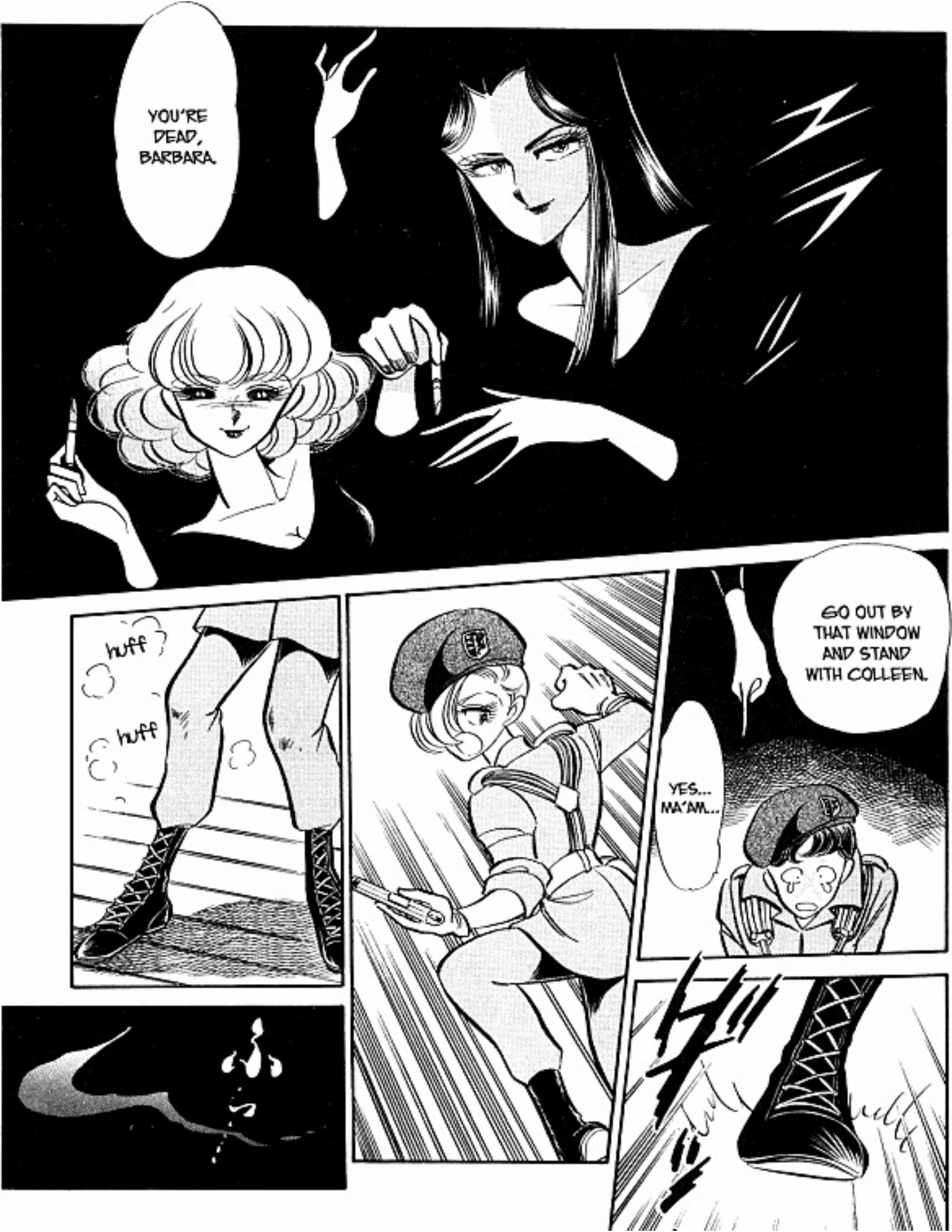
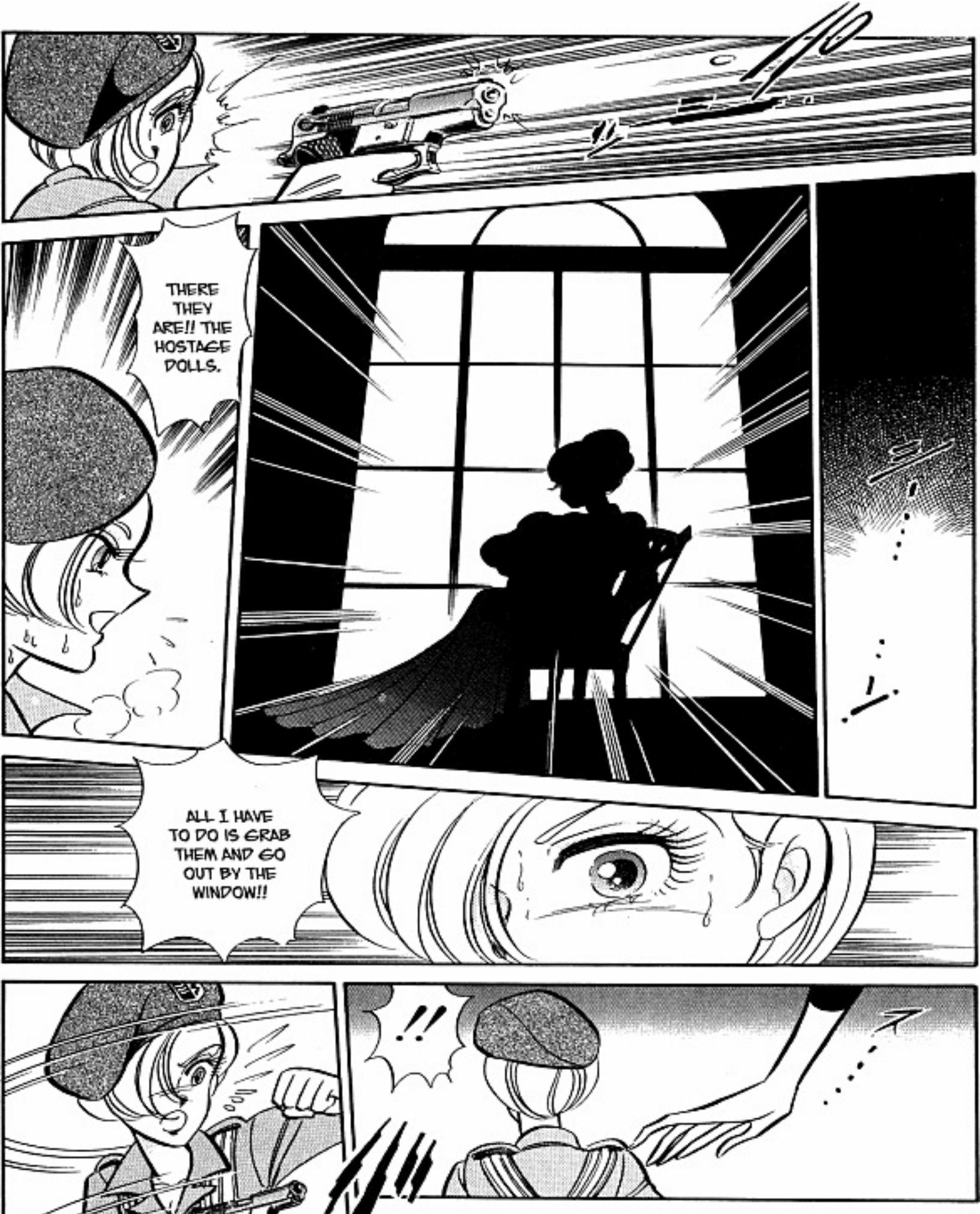

YOU'RE DEAD, BARBARA.
huff
huff
GO OUT BY THAT WINDOW AND STAND WITH COLLEEN.
YES... MA'AM...


THERE THEY ARE!! THE HOSTAGE DOLLS.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GRAB THEM AND GO OUT BY THE WINDOW!!
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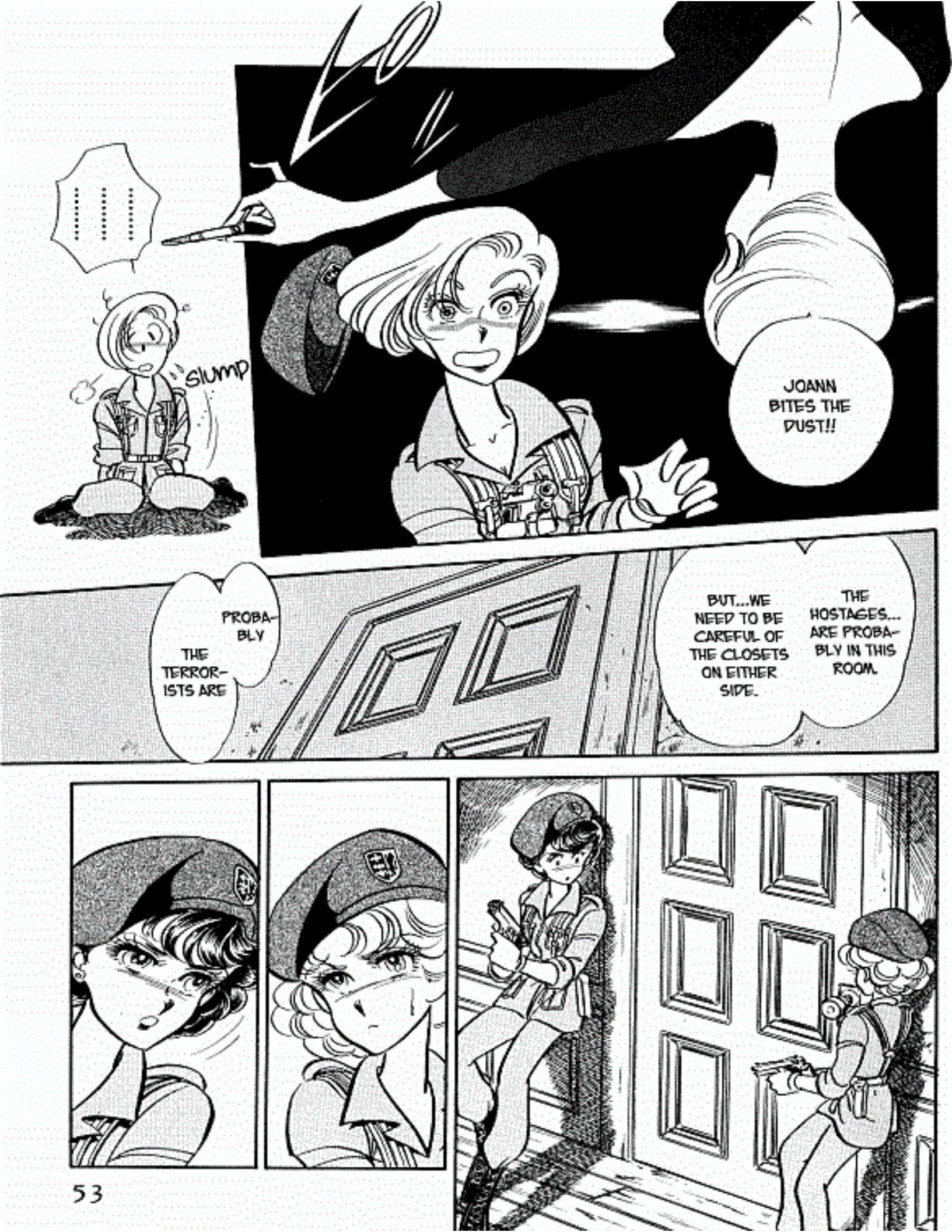

.....
SLUMP
JOANN BITES THE DUST!!
THE HOSTAGES... ARE PROBA-BLY IN THIS ROOM.
BUT...WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL OF THE CLOSETS ON EITHER SIDE.
PROBA-BLY THE TERROR-ISTS ARE

...SHEESH... THEY GOT US.
What... this isn't A.V!!

KIM!! THIS ROOM!
CARINA!!
KYAH!!

I'M DEAD, KIM... GOOD LUCK.
Hey... dead people aren't supposed to talk...
FIRST, THE CHILD!!
NOW THE MOTHER!!
squish
.....
HELLO... YOU'RE DEAD.

IF YOU DON'T CHECK THE FACE OF THE HOSTAGE, YOU CAN END UP LIKE THIS.
I TOLD YOU THERE WERE FIVE TERRORISTS. I DIDN'T MENTION THEIR SEX.
YOU CAN'T ASSUME TERRORISTS WILL BE MEN.
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
MEMORIZE THE LAYOUT OF THE HOUSE AND THE FACES OF THE HOSTAGES...
B- BUT...THE TERRORISTS... ARE MEN...
.....
HERE YOUR REWARD

ARE YOU READY?
ARE WE REALLY GOING TRAP SHOOTING DRESSED LIKE THIS?
AH... UM... COMMANDER...
AH... YES... BUT
MY, THAT DRESS LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, JOANN.

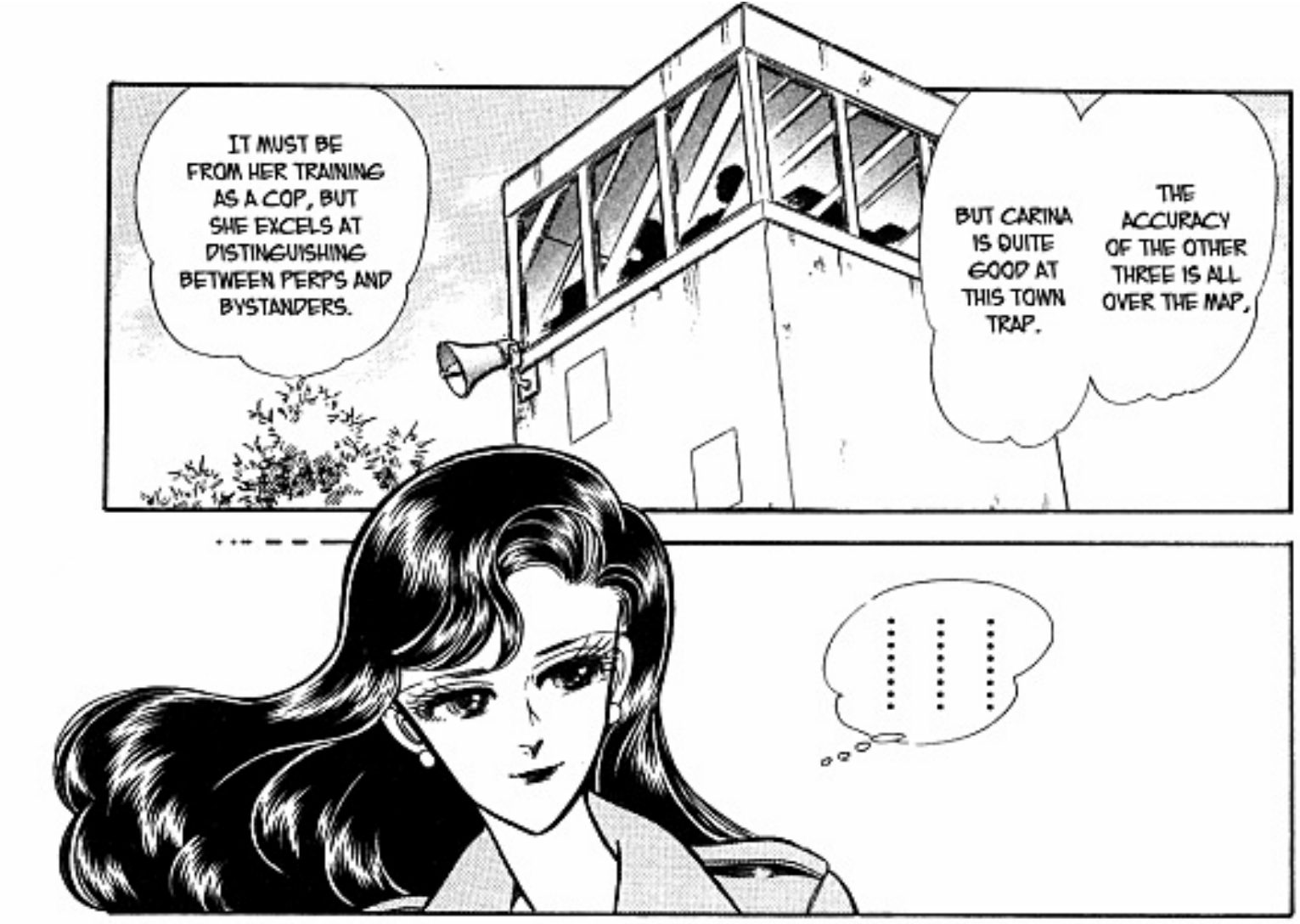
NOW... LET'S PARTY.
THE REASON SECTION F OF CAT IS SO STRONG IS THAT WE CAN FIGHT LIKE THIS.
WE ARE.
SALOON
ENTER THE RANGE AND STAND BY.
MISS VAS-QUEZ

chak

(USA)
IF ONLY SHE DIDN'T HAVE THIS ONE LITTLE PROBLEM.
UH-HUH...
MAKING CLASS A IS TOUGH.
SHE'S FAST CHANGING THE MAGA-ZINE...AND HER AIM IS GOOD.
!!

WHY DIDN'T SHE SHOOT? DID HER GUN JAM?
FOR SOME REASON SHE'S SLOW WHEN IT COMES TO A KIDNAPPING.
.....
BANG
B
A
WITH TYPE B, THE GUN IS POINTED AT YOU.
WITH TYPE A, THE GUN IS POINTED AT THE CHILD.
THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF TARGET WHERE THE PERP IS HOLDING A CHILD.

KIM'S SHOOTING WITH THESE TYPES OF TARGETS IS BELOW AVERAGE.
YOU DO SHOOT AT TYPE B, BUT AIM AWAY FROM THE CHILD.
ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, YOU DON'T SHOOT AT TYPE A.


IT MUST BE FROM HER TRAINING AS A COP, BUT SHE EXCELS AT DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN PERP'S AND BYSTANDERS.
BUT CARINA IS QUITE GOOD AT THIS TOWN TRAP.
THE ACCURACY OF THE OTHER THREE IS ALL OVER THE MAP.
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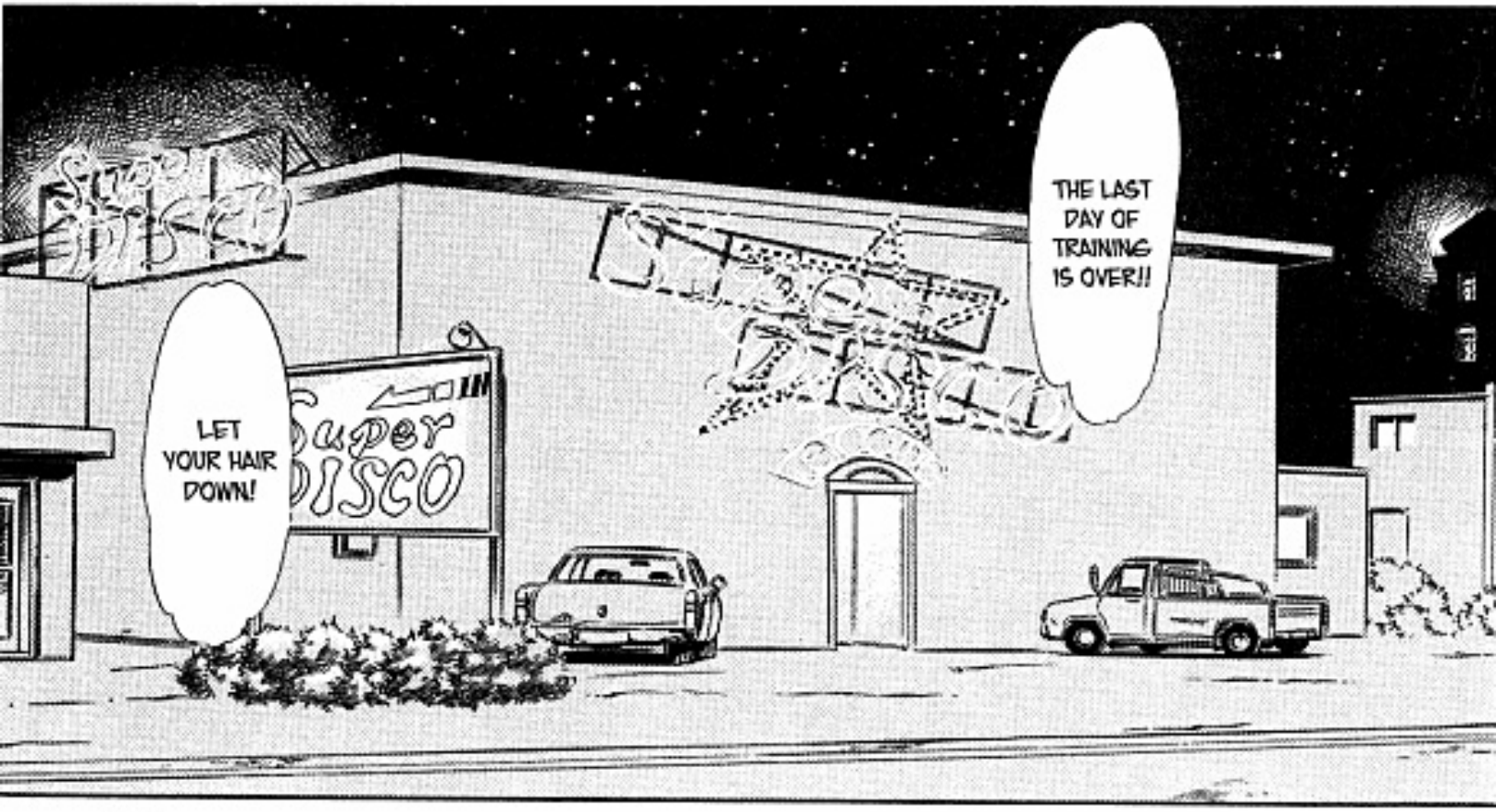

THE LAST DAY OF TRAINING IS OVER!!
LET YOUR HAIR DOWN!
Super DISCO

IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE THEY HAD ANY MEN OR BOOZE.
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS HAVING FUN.

OH WELL... IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO FINISH THIS TRAINING WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS.
TALK IS TALK.
WE GAVE THEM THE TALK ABOUT CONTRACEPTIVES AND DISEASE PREVENTION, RIGHT?
HEY, BARTEN-DER! ANOTHER WHISKEY!
THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME WHO WON'T BE ASSIGNED TO ACTIVE DUTY.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO COMBINE OUR RESULTS WITH R AND C AND DECIDE ON ASSIGNMENTS.
hic
IF YOU DRINK TOO MUCH, IT'LL MAKE FOR A TERRIBLE NIGHT IN BED.
WE ARE DRINKING, KIM. YOU'RE IN GOOD SPIRITS.
COMMANDER AND SECOND, YOU NEED TO DRINK TOO.

EH-HEH... HEHE...I HAVE NO MAN. TODAY... TOMORROW...
FOR-EVER ...
.....
WHISKEY AND COKE
ARE YOU FINISHED? HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH DANCING?
COM-MAN-DER THERE'S A CALL FROM THE CAMP.
TELEPHONE
I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE NEXT STOP WOULD BE THE TOP OF A MAT-TRESS...
BUT THE YOKELS IN THIS JOINT ARE ALL JUST A LITTLE... Y'KNOW.

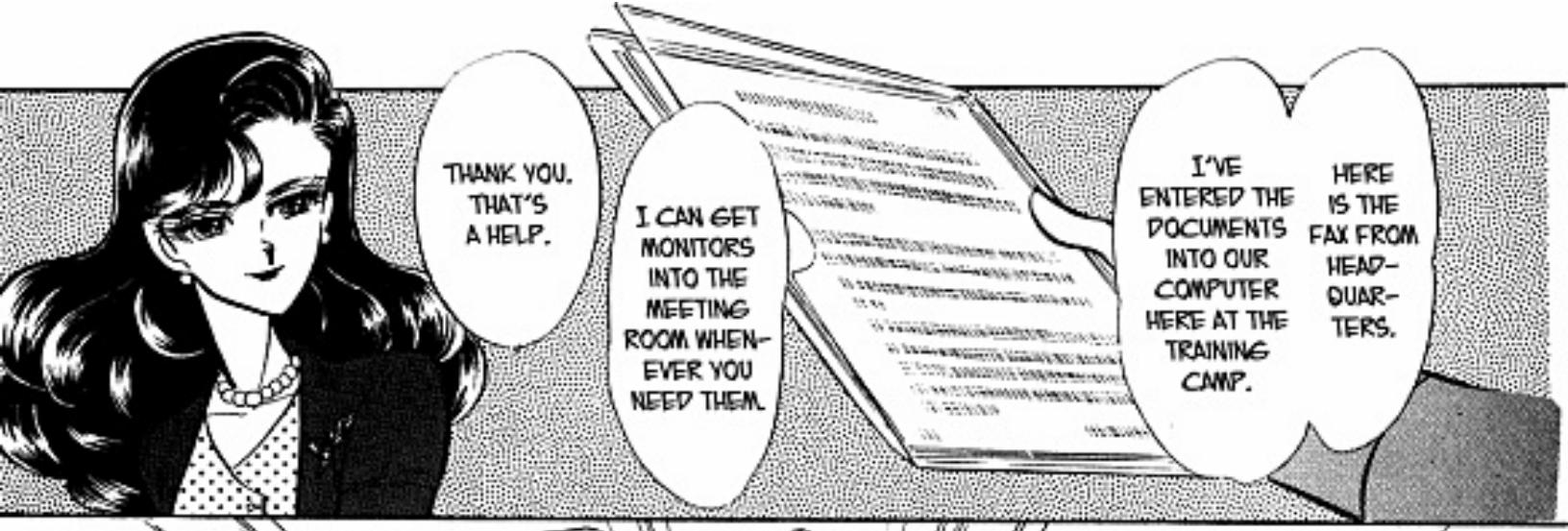
MISSION ORDERS, HUH?
NO WAY...
THESE TWO WEEKS OF TRAINING COUNT AS AN ASSIGNMENT.
ACCORDING TO INTERNAL REGS, THEY HAVE TO GIVE US A BREAK.
FWOAHH... IT'S HOT!
WINE ON THE ROCKS IS THE BEST!
That dress is amazing!!
LIN YOU DRINK WINE ON THE ROCKS!?
OH... IT'S DELI-CIOUS.
COMPARED TO EUROPEAN WINE, AMERICAN-MADE WINE HAS A LIGHT FLAVOR THAT DOESN'T CHANGE WHEN YOU ADD ICE.
HEL-GA!!
THE PARTY IS OVER. WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE CAMP.
MARIE
!!

"RED NIGHT" ONLY... THIS TIME IT'S FOR REAL.
JAAA
CALL OLD TOM AT THE CAMP AND TELL HIM TO MAKE ABOUT FIVE GALLONS OF STRONG COFFEE.
IRENE
GET INTO THE CAR RIGHT NOW.
NOW, PLAYTIME IS OVER.
キャー
ヒィー
PEEL ALL THE GIRLS OFF ANY MEN THEY ARE ENTANGLED WITH AND GET THEM IN THE CAR.
JESSICA
YES, MA'AM
MARIE WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
see... it's like this

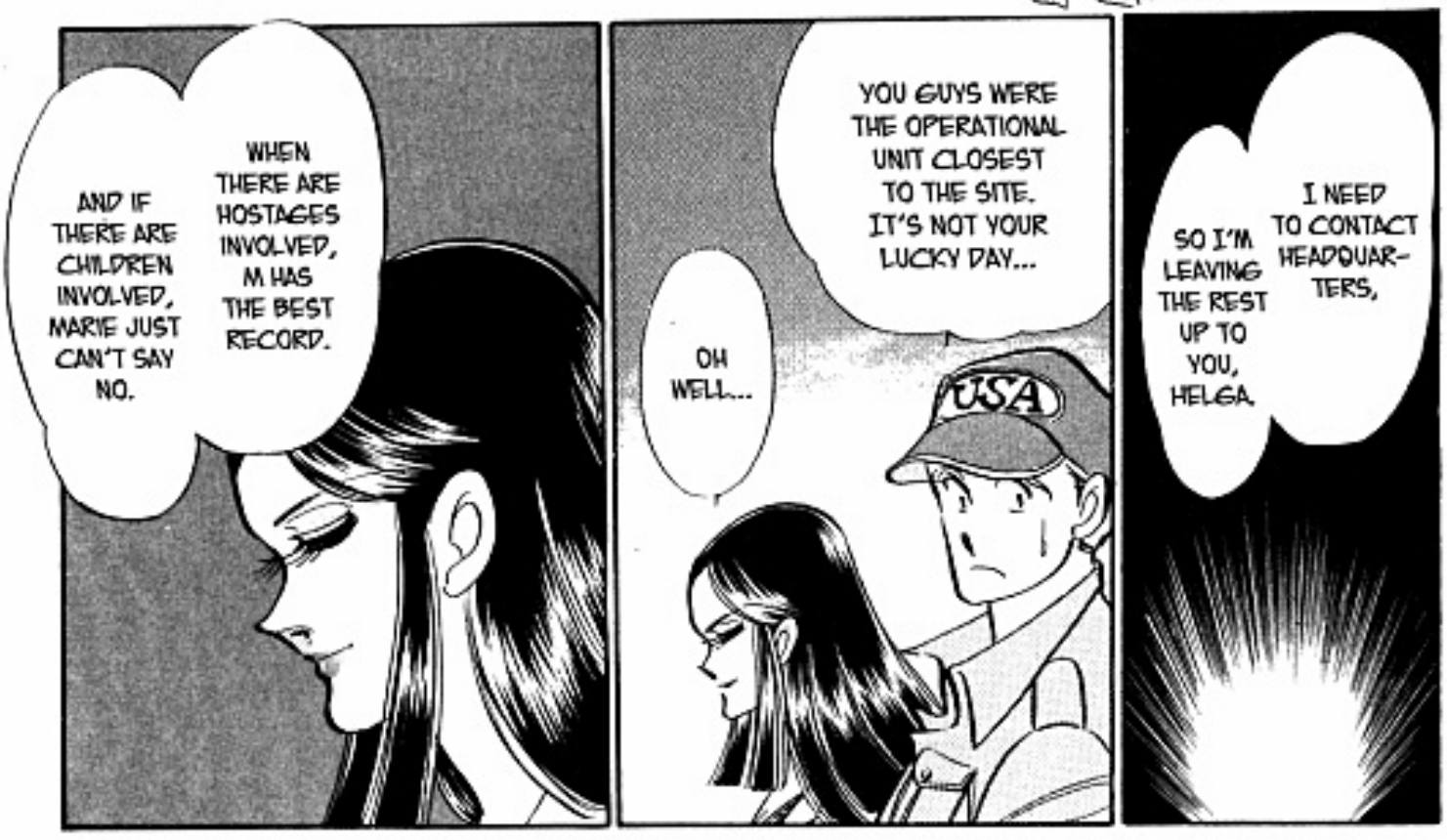
THREE MEN HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE STATE PENI-TENTIARY...
AND NOW... THEY'VE TAKEN HOSTAGES IN A VILLA TWENTY KILOMETERS FROM THIS TOWN.
THEY'VE BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN WITH THE OLD CARETAKER OF THE VILLA AND THE OWNER'S DAUGHTER.
THE OWNER OF THE VILLA IS SENATOR HARDY.
TWO OF THE THREE ARE PART OF A KKK* GROUP THAT BLEW UP THE MAYOR'S HOUSE IN KANSAS CITY EIGHT YEARS AGO.
THERE'S MORE.
THAT'S SURELY WORK FOR THE POLICE. WHY DO WE HAVE TO...

*KKK: A SECRET SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES.

...SO...
HE COULD BECOME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN U.S. PRESIDENT...AT LEAST HE IS THE CLOSEST IN LINE FOR IT.
SENATOR HARDY!! ONE OF THE KEY LEADERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.
EXACTLY
IT'S NO COINCI-DENCE.
THE KKK AND A BLACK SENATOR...
COM-MANDER MARIE
LANEY


THANK YOU. THAT'S A HELP.
I CAN GET MONITORS INTO THE MEETING ROOM WHENEVER YOU NEED THEM.
I'VE ENTERED THE DOCUMENTS INTO OUR COMPUTER HERE AT THE TRAINING CAMP.
HERE IS THE FAX FROM HEADQUARTERS.

AT THE RATE THEY'RE GOING, THEY'LL BE USELESS BY THE TIME WE GET TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA.
bring me another
whee
BUT...FIRST WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE GIRLS BACK ON THEIR FEET.


AND IF THERE ARE CHILDREN INVOLVED, MARIE JUST CAN'T SAY NO.
WHEN THERE ARE HOSTAGES INVOLVED, M HAS THE BEST RECORD.
OH WELL...
YOU GUYS WERE THE OPERATIONAL UNIT CLOSEST TO THE SITE. IT'S NOT YOUR LUCKY DAY...
USA
SO I'M LEAVING THE REST UP TO YOU, HELGA.
I NEED TO CONTACT HEADQUARTERS,

KIM
YOU SAW IT?
THAT'S A SURPRISE...THAT SOMEONE WITH A ROSE TATTOO ON HER BREAST WOULD LOVE CHILDREN.
UH-HUH...I SAW IT IN THE SHOWER. SHE HAS A RED ROSE ON HER PERFECTLY SHAPED BOOB.
EVEN IF I AM A GIRL, IT GAVE ME A LITTLE THRILL.
NO WONDER THEY CALL HER MARIE THE ROSE.
SHE MUST BE REALLY TOUGH... A REGULAR HOOLIGAN. MY HAT IS OFF TO HER...
WAKE UP, WINO!
THAT'S NO TATTOO. IT'S A WOUND.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KINDS OF PAST EXPERIENCES PEOPLE HAVE WHEN THEY ENTER CAT,
BUT I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYONE MAKING LIGHT OF THE ROSE ON MARIE'S BREAST.
.....
SHE GOT IT WHEN SHE PARTED FROM THE HUSBAND AND CHILD SHE LOVED SO MUCH.
THAT ROSE IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE MALICE OF TERRORISM THAT SPLIT HER LIFE APART.

ROGER
GET READY.
JES-SICA!!
POLICE

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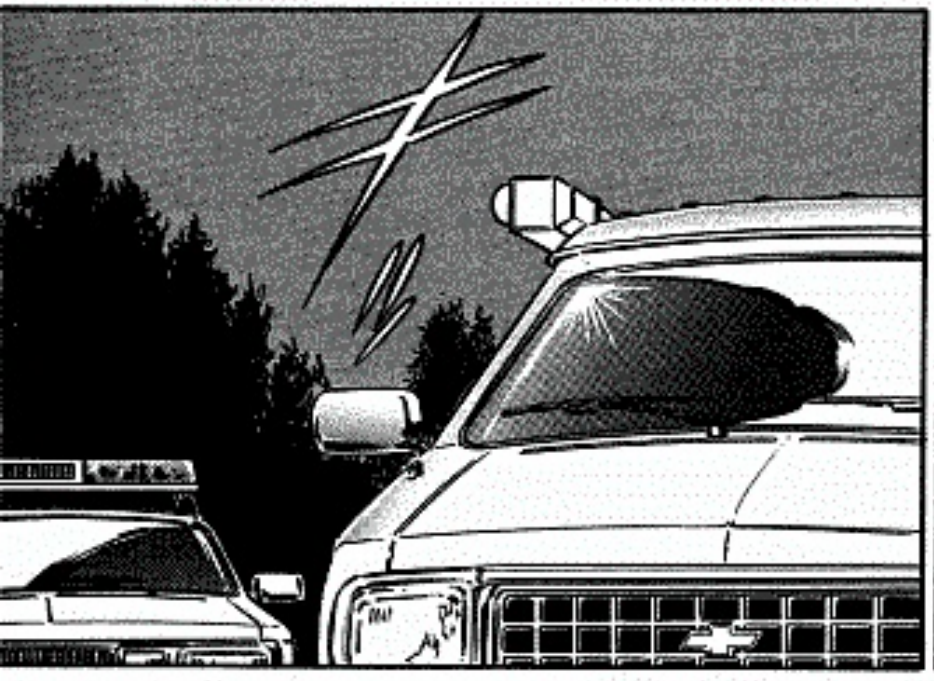
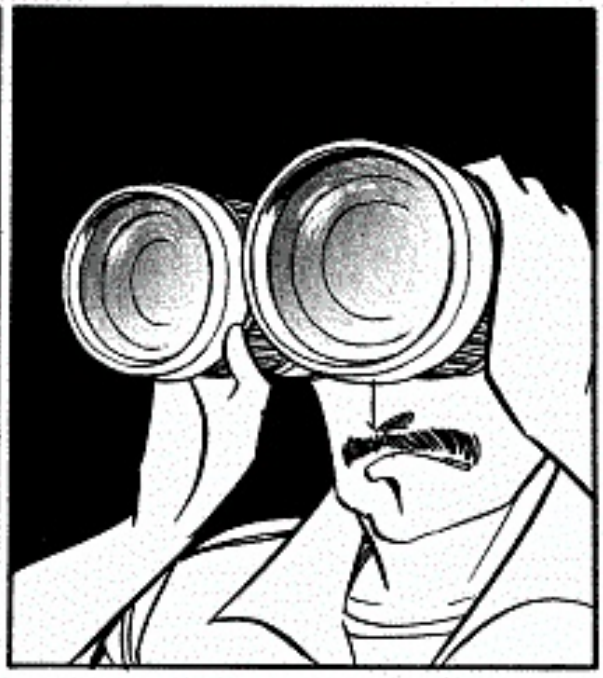
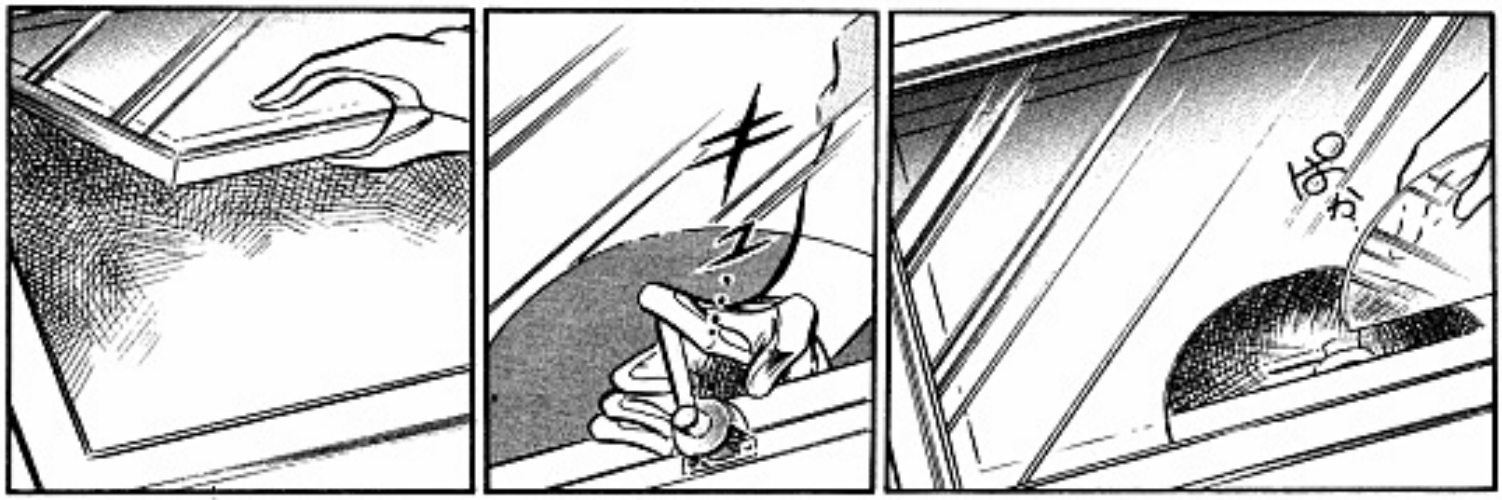




YOUR RURAL POLICE FORCE DOESN'T HAVE A SWAT TEAM, SO THEY CALLED US IN.
WE ARE THAT... "SURELY NOT"...
WELL...I SENT A CALL IN TO COUNTY HEADQUARTERS FOR BACKUP...SURELY NOT...
MES-SAGE?
SHERIFF
YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE MES-SAGE.
NOT... THIS...
WHO... ARE YOU?
DRUNK
OOF...
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND, BEING THE ONE THAT CALLED US.
WE AREN'T HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE.
THIS PLACE REEKS OF PEACE AND QUIET.
They just got here!!
THAT'S ALL THE CARS THEY HAVE IN THIS PODUNK TOWN.
Damn hicks
I THOUGHT IT WAS WORSE THAN PETTY LARCENY.
TWO POLICE CARS.

Still a bit tipsy...
That... damn old fart.
That's hardly a surprise
WHO TOLD YOU TO CALL A BUNCH OF CABARET GIRLS?
GIVE ME COUNTY HEAD-QUARTERS!!
YOU FOUR DO NOT HAVE OFFICIAL OPERATIONAL POSITIONS,
SO STAY HERE AND WATCH.
WELL... LET'S GET THIS DONE.
H-HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK...!

WA!!
MODEL 1911-A1
CAL. 38 SUPER
...AN ANGRY DRUNK...
AND I GOT STUCK DRINKING OLD TOM'S COFFEE THAT TASTES LIKE MUD.
GET IT!?
THE PARTY'S OVER BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH AN INCOMPETENT FOOL.



COMMAN-DER!!
IT'S HERE. THEY INDEED HAVE A GAS-FIRED CENTRAL AIR SYSTEM.
HERE
Roger
SWITCH IT OVER TO HEAT.
GIVEN THE SEASON, IT IS PROBABLY SET TO COOL.
COLLEEN HOW'S THE REFLEC-TOR-MIC?
WORK-ING
I'M GETTING A READING IN THE BACK ON THE RIGHT. GOING BY THE FLOOR PLAN, B BLOCK ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
ANY-THING ELSE?

I'VE GOT A READING FROM THE SCANNER.
SO FIRST WE SCAN WITH A REFLECTOR-MIC AND AN INFRARED SCANNER.
WE'RE TRYING TO LOCATE A TARGET IN A LARGE VILLA.
THE HOUSE IS FURNISHED WITH TWO SHOTGUNS AND A HANDGUN.
DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS THEY HAVE?
IRENE AND COOKIE WILL GO WITH ME THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.
GET INTO B BLOCK FROM THE VERANDA.
HELGA, YOU'RE WITH DELA.
THE DIAGRAM CALLS IT A GUEST ROOM.
A ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR SOUTH SIDE.

EN-
GAGE
!!

AH... UH-HUH
EVEN THE DEA SPECIAL FORCES AREN'T THAT FAST.
THEY WERE INSIDE IN... TWENTY SEC-ONDS.
THAT WAS QUICK ...
COUNTY HEADQUARTERS SAYS...TO LET YOUR GROUP TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

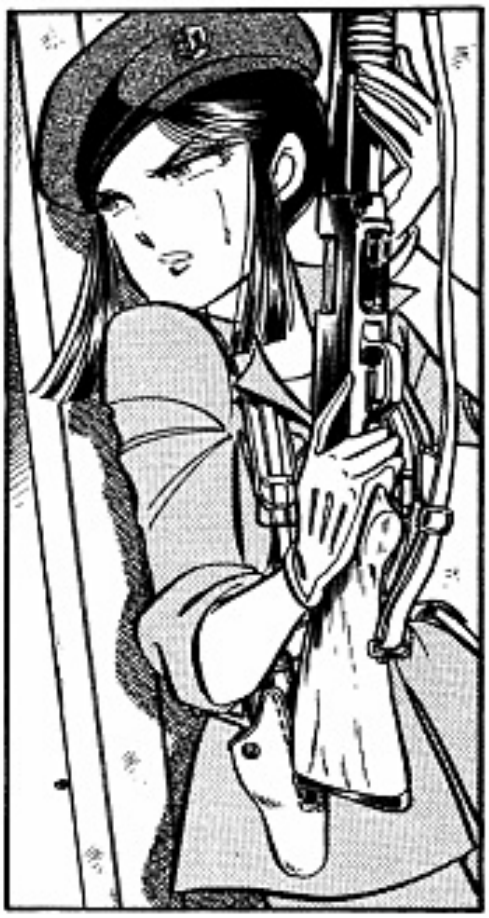
THIS IS T-CONTROL. ATTENTION SQUAD TWO!!
SQUAD ONE IS INSIDE.
YES, I'M AT THE SCENE.
IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN FOUR HOURS SINCE CONTACT.
THEY MUST HAVE PREPARED FOR AN ATTACK.
WE ARE TRYING... TO DISRUPT THEIR PLAN.
SWITCHING FROM COOLING TO HEATING MEANS THEY MIGHT OPEN A WINDOW. OR THEY MIGHT MOVE TO ANOTHER ROOM...
EITHER WAY WE HAVE TO STOP THEM.
BUT... IF THEY MOVE...
WITH THE AIR-CONDITIONING OUT... MAYBE THEY'LL LOOSEN THE BARRICADE A BIT TO LET IN A BREEZE.
WHILE THEY ARE MOVING THE BARRICADE, THAT MANY OF THEM WON'T HAVE GUNS IN THEIR HANDS.
...THEN...

THAT'S THE WAY TO PREDICT WHAT THEY'LL DO...
TO FIGHT TERRORISTS, FIRST YOU HAVE TO BECOME A TERRORIST.
IT'S LIKE MARIE ALWAYS SAYS.
THE AIR CONDI-TIONER ISN'T WORKING.
WHAT!!
.....
HEY, OLD MAN!! NEGOTIATE WITH THE COPS!
WE'RE GOING IN.
T-CONTROL. APPLYING THE HEAT WORKED.

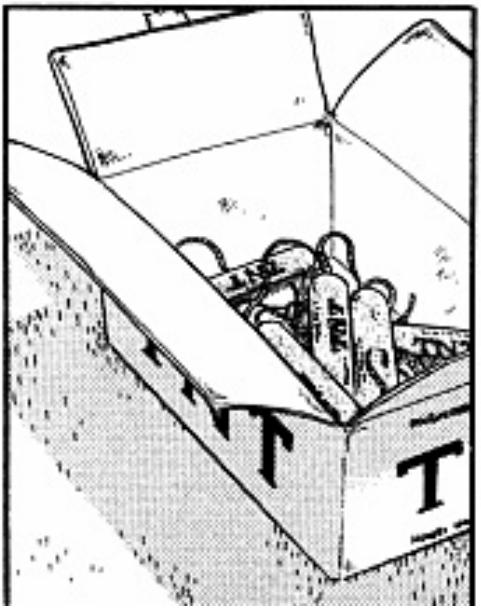
!!
WA WA!!

LITTLE MISS IS...!!
LITTLE MISS!!
T-CONTROL!! WE'VE GOT THE OLD MAN. ONE PERP IS DEAD.

ONE PERSON IS MISS-ING... COULD HE BE DOWN-STAIRS?
HELGA!!



BUT...THE COMMANDER IS DOWNSTAIRS...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YOU'RE MISSING DYNAMITE!?
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FROM A ROAD CON-STRUC-TION SITE?
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KW!!
WAIT!!
!!
W-WE'RE GOING IT TOO!!
HEY!!
YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE!!

NOT BAD.
.....
IS SHE DEAD?
COMMAN-DER...
COMMANDER MARIE!!

GET THE COMMANDER AND THE OTHERS OUT OF HERE!!
JOANN!! CARINA!!
!!

DAMN!!
IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER, I'LL LIGHT IT.
STAY THERE!!
!!

LET GO OF THAT GIRL... I'LL GUARANTEE YOUR LIFE...
IF YOU GET ANY CLO-SER,
WE'LL ALL GET BLOWN TO SMI-THEREENS ALONG WITH THIS BRAT.

GUARANTEE? I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.
SHH!!
MARIE ARE YOU OKAY!?
SHIT!!
NO!! SHE HAS TO,
KIM CAN'T SHOOT THIS KIND OF TARGET.
PLEASE... LET THE GIRL GO... YOU WON'T SUFFER ANY PUNISHMENT.

Mamaaa
HE'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HIS LIFE AND HIS DAUGHTER'S.
NOOO. HELP meee...
BRING ME THAT SENATOR HARDY RIGHT NOW.
THE SENATOR IS IN WASHINGTON. EVEN WITH A MILITARY JET IT WILL TAKE FIVE HOURS...
SHAD-DAP!!
CAN YOU KEEP THE LIGHTER LIT THAT LONG?

NOOO
THE FUSE IS TOO SHORT. WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME.
NO!!
HURRY! GET HER AWAY FROM IT!!
NOOO. IT'S HOT!!
IT'S HOT!!

SHE TOSSED THE GIRL AWAY!!
KIM!!
AHH!!

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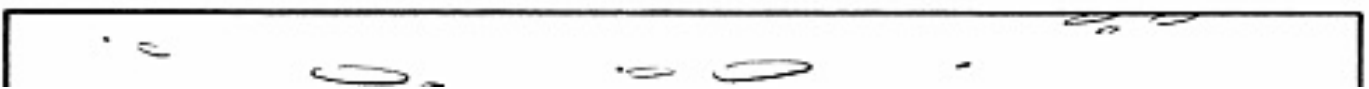
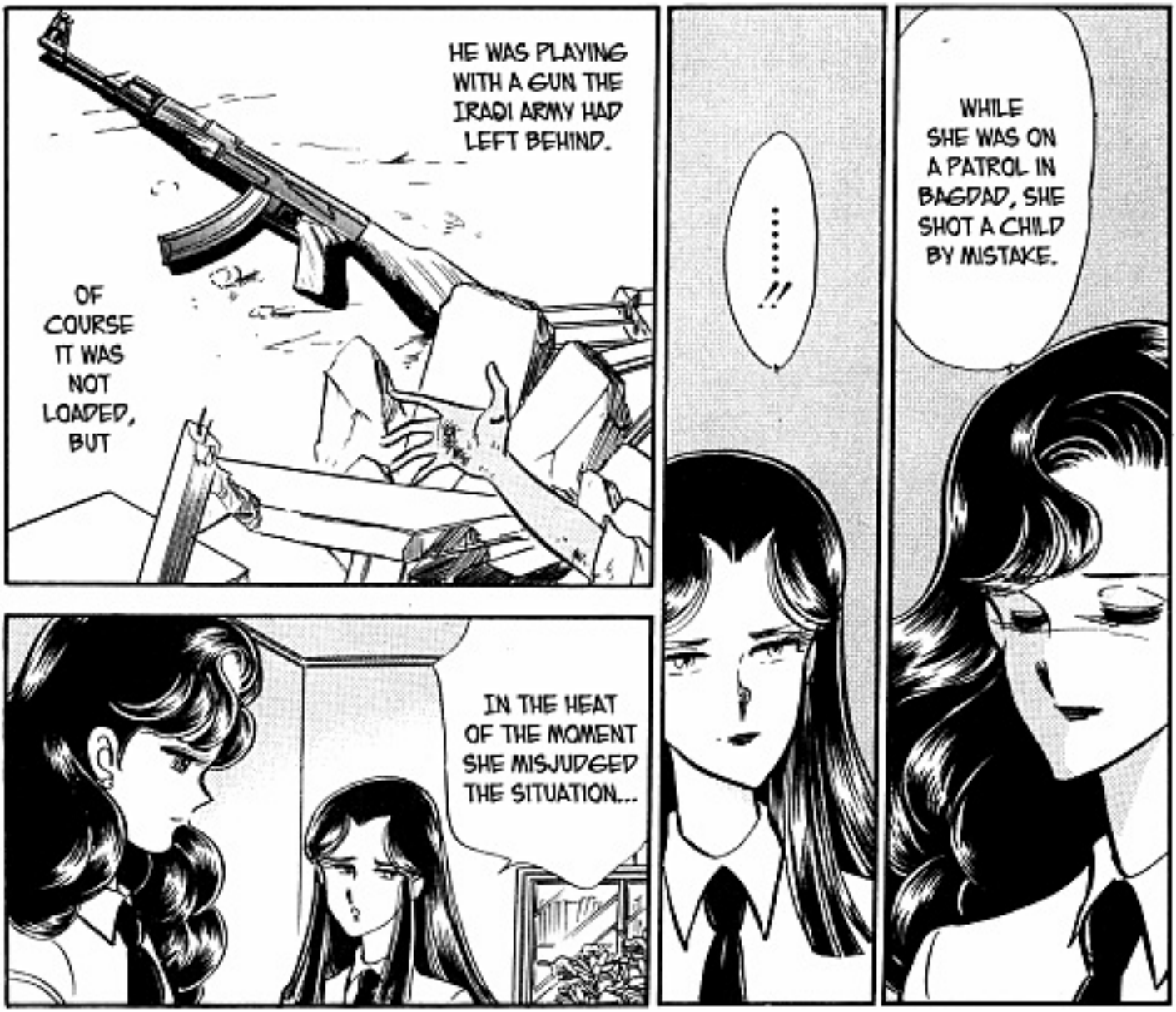
NO RESERVATIONS. SHE IS A CLASS. THAT SHOWED GOOD JUDGEMENT.
SHE TOOK THE TIME TO PUSH THE KID OVER BY THE AQUARIUM.
I GET IT...



MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED -2350HRS-
THAT'S A WRAP!!

KIM...HAS THE GULF WAR?
ACTUAL COMBAT EXPERI-ENCE?
UH-HUH ...BUT
THERE WAS AN ACCI-DENT.


HE WAS PLAYING WITH A GUN THE IRAQI ARMY HAD LEFT BEHIND.
OF COURSE IT WAS NOT LOADED, BUT
IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT SHE MISJUDGED THE SITUATION...
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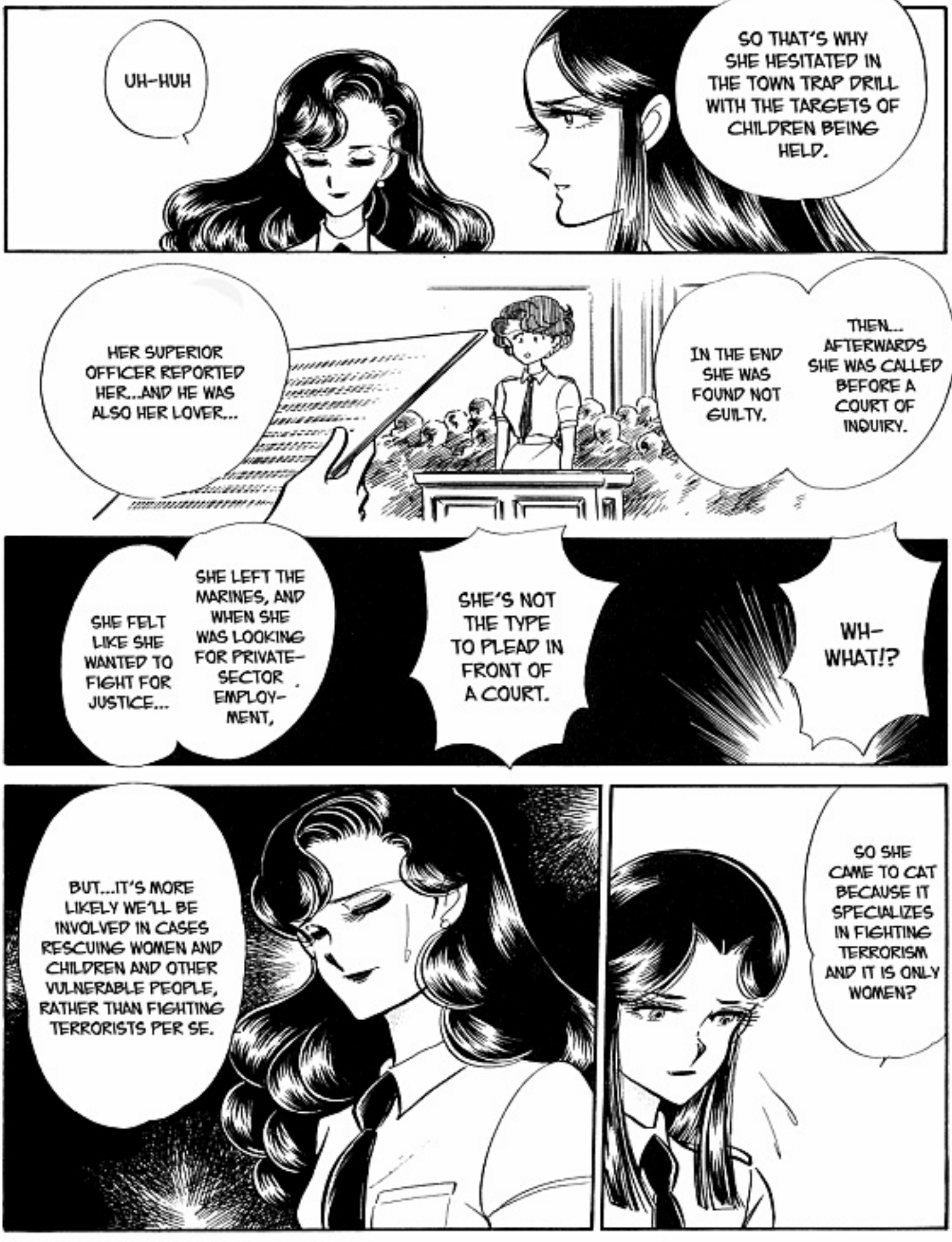
WHILE SHE WAS ON A PATROL IN BAGDAD, SHE SHOT A CHILD BY MISTAKE.


UH-HUH
SO THAT'S WHY SHE HESITATED IN THE TOWN TRAP DRILL WITH THE TARGETS OF CHILDREN BEING HELD.
HER SUPERIOR OFFICER REPORTED HER...AND HE WAS ALSO HER LOVER...
IN THE END SHE WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY.
THEN... AFTERWARDS SHE WAS CALLED BEFORE A COURT OF INQUIRY.
SHE FELT LIKE SHE WANTED TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE...
SHE LEFT THE MARINES, AND WHEN SHE WAS LOOKING FOR PRIVATE-SECTOR EMPLOY-MENT,
SHE'S NOT THE TYPE TO PLEAD IN FRONT OF A COURT.
WH-WHAT!?
BUT...IT'S MORE LIKELY WE'LL BE INVOLVED IN CASES RESCUING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE, RATHER THAN FIGHTING TERRORISTS PER SE.
SO SHE CAME TO CAT BECAUSE IT SPECIALIZES IN FIGHTING TERRORISM AND IT IS ONLY WOMEN?

THEY SENT US THE BEST.
!
I WONDER IF HEAD-QUARTERS SENT SOMEONE
A LITTLE BETTER THIS TIME.
WHAT PROVIDED A WAY FOR HER TO MOVE BEYOND HER PAST
WAS THE RED NIGHT...
NOW... IT'S TIME TO MEET OUR RESERVIST.

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File:9 Madrigal of the Wind

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デザート・ローズ
THEY SAY IT WAS TERRIBLE.
BUT SECTION M DIVISION A... THEY'RE AS GOOD AS IT GETS IN CAT.
STILL...AFTER LOSING SIXTY PERCENT OF THEIR FORCE, THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD CONTINUE THE MISSION...
THE PEOPLE IN THAT COUNTRY HAVE WORLD-CLASS PASSIONS WHEN THEY WAKE UP FROM THEIR SIESTAS.

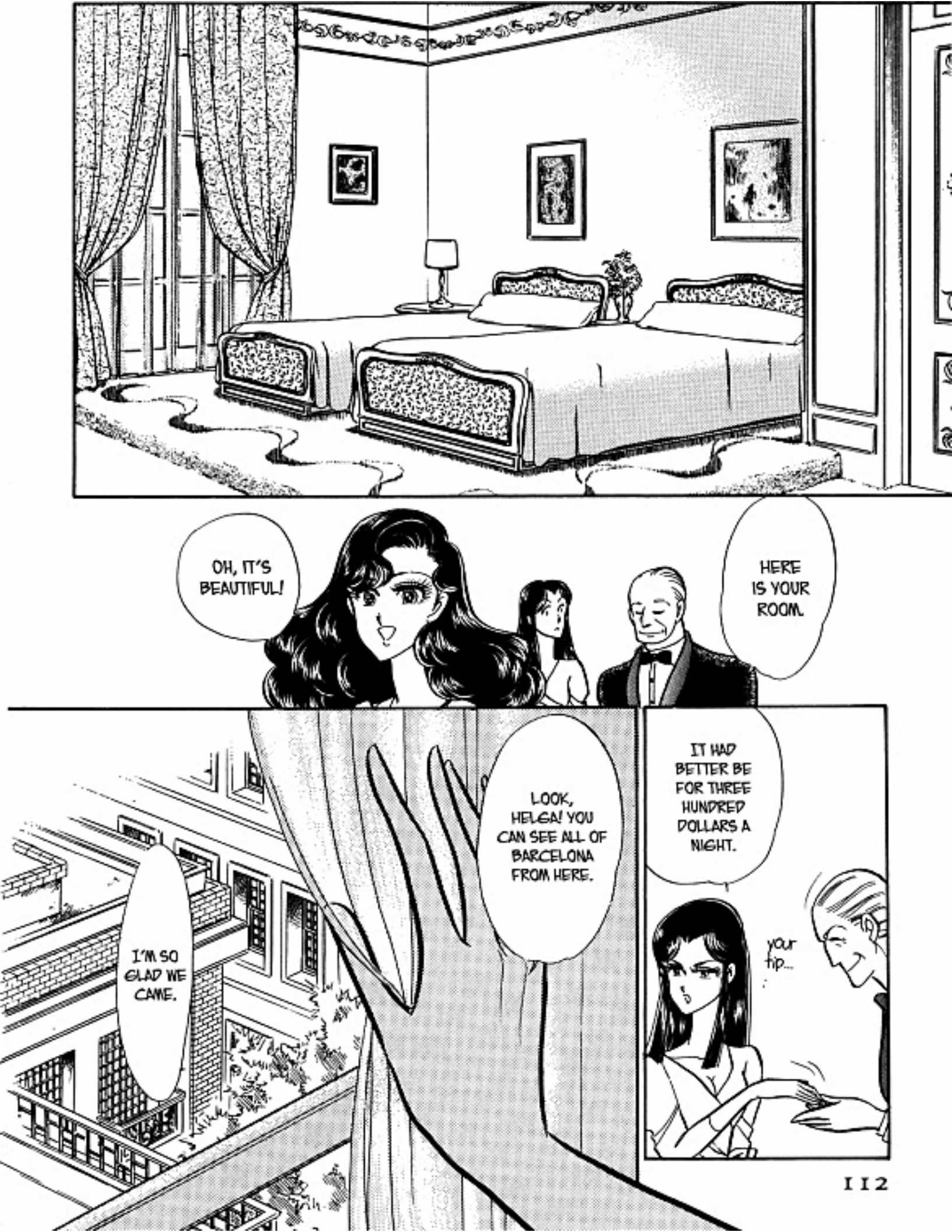
砂の薔薇

デザート-ローズ

File 9 : Madrigal of the Wind (1)

THE OLYM-PICS...
BULL-FIGHTING, CARNIVAL. THEY SEEM TO LOVE ANYTHING THAT MAKES A RUCKUS.
IT ISN'T JUST PASSION. THEY ALSO HAVE CULTURE AND ARTS.
IT'S A FANTASTIC COUNTRY... I'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE.
TO SPAIN...

!!
JUST THE TWO OF US.
NO
DO YOU WANT THE REGU-LARS?
SO I GUESS I SHOULD CONTACT EVERYONE.
DIVISION M SECTION A IS IN THE PROCESS OF REGROUPING.
THEY WERE HIT REALLY HARD.
THANK GOODNESS NO ONE WAS KILLED, BUT TWENTY-TWO SUSTAINED GRAVE INJURIES...
IT WAS DANGEROUS TO SEND THAT MANY FROM THE START.
BUT...


OH, IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
HERE IS YOUR ROOM.
I'M SO GLAD WE CAME.
LOOK, HELGA! YOU CAN SEE ALL OF BARCELONA FROM HERE.
IT HAD BETTER BE FOR THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS A NIGHT.
your hip...

I'VE KNOWN ABOUT BARCELONA FOR A LONG TIME.
NO...
DID YOU RESEARCH IT AT HEAD-QUARTERS?
BARCE-LONA WAS BUILT BY THE GREEKS.
IN ANCIENT TIMES IT WAS RULED BY CARTHAGE AND ROME...BUT IT ALWAYS WAS A CENTER OF TRADE IN THE MEDITER-RANEAN AND SO CONTINUALLY FLOURISHED.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD NEVER BEEN.
WE WERE GOING TO COME HERE ON OUR HONEYMOON.
FUFU

WOW
BUT MY HUSBAND GOT A STOMACH BUG AND WAS LAID UP IN LONDON FOR FOUR DAYS. WE ENDED UP CANCELING ALL THE HOTELS AND FIGHTS. EVERYTHING.
WE HAD MADE ALL THE HOTEL AND FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WERE PLANNING TO GO STRAIGHT FROM THE WEDDING CEREMONY TO THE AIRPORT.
FINE, FINE. I'M SURE IT WAS DELICIOUS.
BUT...I LOVED HIM...THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS GOING TO EAT SOMETHING ELSE IF I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD EAT IT.
Why do I have to act like a kid, too...
NO, IT WAS HELL.
FLAMENCO, BULL FIGHTING...ARANJUEZ, TOLEDO. I LOOKED AT PAMPHLETS AND ATE YORKSHIRE PUDDING FOR FOUR DAYS.
MAYBE YOUR HUSBAND COULD ONLY EAT PUDDING BECAUSE OF HIS STOMACH...BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THE SAME...
EASY. YOU MANAGED TO EAT IT FOR FOUR DAYS WHEN HE WAS SICK.
WE BOTH WORRIED ABOUT IT.
IF TIMMY HAD EVER SAID HE WANTED IT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE...
I WAS SO HAPPY NOT TO EVER HAVE TO PREPARE IT MYSELF...
HAPPILY MY HUSBAND CAME TO DISLIKE PUDDING AS MUCH AS I DID AFTER THAT.

RRRRR!
SOMETIMES...I WONDER HOW YOU EVER GOT INTO THIS LINE OF WORK.
THAT'S... AWFUL. WHAT IF WE HAD RAISED A WILLFUL CHILD WITH LOTS OF DEMANDS.
IS IT A MISTAKE?
IT'S THE FRONT DESK. OUR GUIDE IS HERE.
...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
LET'S GO.
I'D RATHER CHECK OUT THE PLACE THAN FIDGET.
HOLD ON, MARIE.
YOU MEAN TO GO SIGHT-SEE-ING?
I ASKED FOR ONE. OH...AND SHE'S RIGHT ON TIME. UNUSUAL FOR SPAIN.

HELLO.
YOU ARE MS. ROSEBANK AND MS. MITTELMEIER, RIGHT?
I'M FROM THE GUIDE ASSOCIATION.
MARIA LOPEZ
MUCHO GUSTO, SEÑORITA LÓPEZ.
ME ALEGRO CONOCERLA.
OH...YOU SPEAK SPANISH?
JUST A LITTLE.

I'D LOVE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES SOME DAY...
UH-HUH. WE'RE ON VACATION.
ARE YOU BOTH FROM THE UNITED STATES?
NO
OH...AND PLEASE CALL ME MARIA.
YOU'VE NEVER TRAVELED ABROAD?
A BUS IS CHEAPEST. THE SUBWAY IS FASTER AND WE CAN GET TO THE VICINITY QUICKLY.
NOW...FOR SIGHT-SEEING WITHIN THE CITY, WE CAN TAKE A BUS, THE SUBWAY, OR A TAXI.
A TAXI IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE, BUT IT WILL TAKE US RIGHT WHERE WE WANT TO GO.
WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?
I SEE

THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
LET'S TAKE THE SUB-WAY.
IF WE BUY SOUVENIRS AND HAVE PACKAGES TO CARRY, WE CAN ALWAYS TAKE A TAXI BACK TO THE HOTEL.
M
Plaça Urquinaona
THAT'S RIGHT. THE TOURING COMPANIES ARE ALREADY RAMPING UP FOR IT.
YOU'LL PROBABLY BE COVERED UP IN TOURISTS.
WITH THE OLYM-PICS HERE NEXT YEAR,

THAT WAS PROBABLY THE GUYS FROM DIVISION A...
JUST THE OTHER DAY A GROUP FROM A COMPUTER COMPANY IN THE U.S. COLLIDED WITH A TRUCK IN THEIR RENTAL CAR...
AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER STUFF IS CAUSING MAJOR TRAFFIC DELAYS.
BUT... PRICES ARE INCHING UP,
IT'S GREAT THAT THE CITY IS COMING ALIVE WITH ALL THIS BUSTLE, BUT IT CREATES A LOT OF PROBLEMS.
I THINK SO TOO.
STILL, EVEN WITHOUT THE OLYMPICS BARCELONA HAS PLENTY TO ATTRACT TOURISTS ON ITS OWN...
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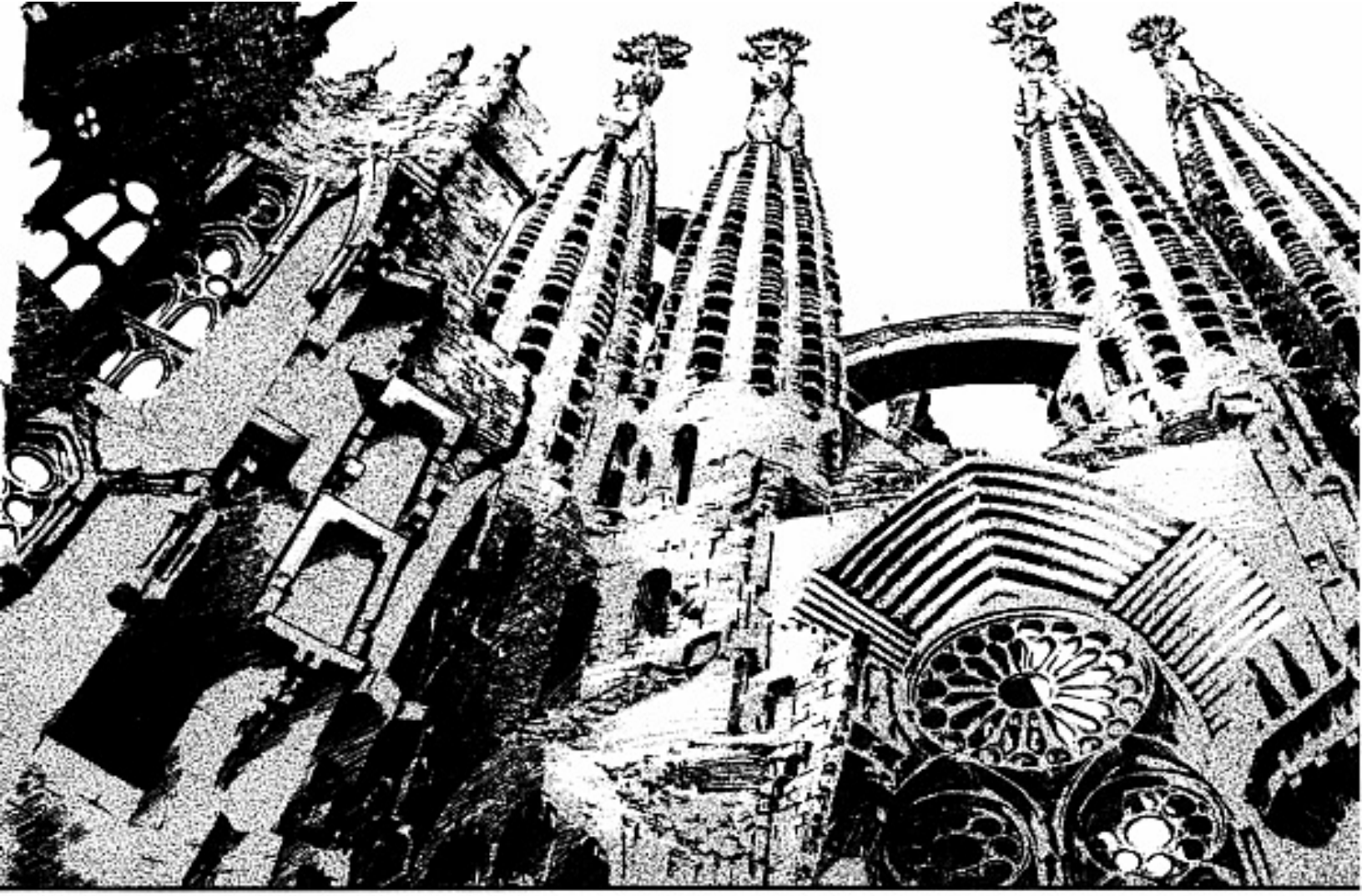


THE SAGRADA FAMILIA CHURCH STARTED CONSTRUCTION IN 1882...THEY SAY IT WILL TAKE A HUNDRED MORE YEARS TO COMPLETE IT.
THAT TAKES PA-TIENCE.
FROM THE BEGINNING, IF THEY HAD USED MODERN CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES, THEY WOULD HAVE FINISHED IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS.
OH...WHY DON'T THEY?
ACCORDING TO GAUDÍ'S PLANS, THEY HAVE TO USE TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES.

THERE ARE BUILDINGS BY ANTONIO GAUDÍ DOTTED ALL OVER THE CITY.
LET'S GO SEE SOME MORE IN OTHER TOURIST AREAS.

MY FEET ARE KILLING ME.
THOSE ARE FAVORABLE CONDI-TIONS FOR TER-RORISM.
THE SUBWAY COVERS NEARLY THE WHOLE CITY...
110 V
DURING THE OLYMPICS THEY'RE EXPECTING THIRTY TIMES THAT NUMBER.
pfsst
THE NUMBER OF TOURISTS AND OTHER VISITORS IS ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND.
THE POPULA-TION OF BARCE-LONA IS 1.8 MILLION...
oof...
THE OLYMPICS ARE NEXT YEAR...BUT THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES ARE ALREADY ADVERTISING IT.
I CAN HARDLY IMAGINE THEY ARE ALREADY OPERATING IN THE CITY NOW.
BUT THE OLYMPICS ARE NEXT YEAR...

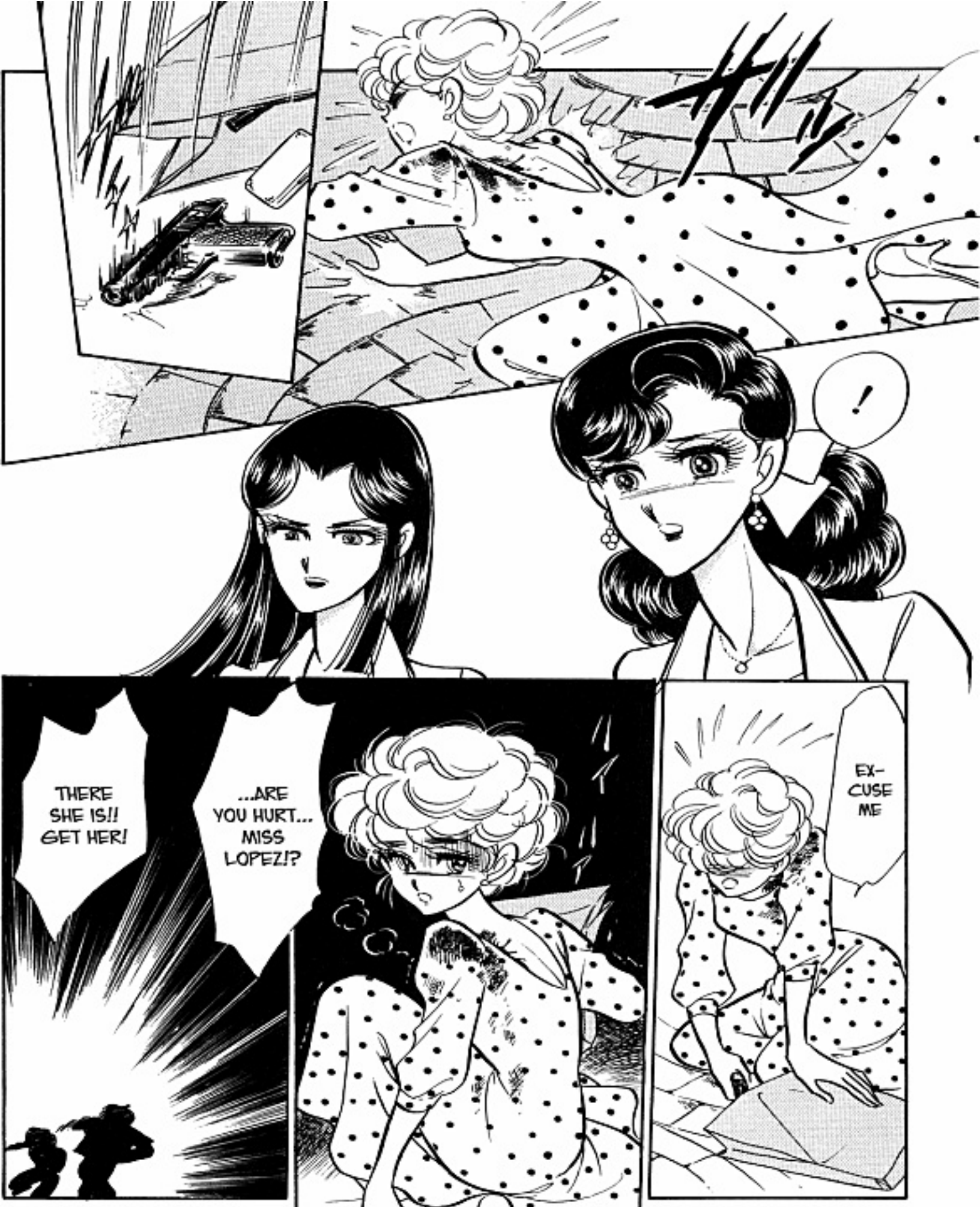
THERE COULD BE RESENTMENT IN SOME QUARTERS.
WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS OF UNIFYING, THE COMPANIES FEEL LIKE THE BARCELONA GAMES WILL BE A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT.
SO...IT WASN'T THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT THAT HIRED US FOR THIS BARCELONA MISSION BUT RATHER A CORPORATION?
THAT'S WHY WE ENTERED AS TOURISTS AND WHY WE WENT OUT TO SIGHTSEE.
THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD THAT EVEN THOUGH DIVISION A WAS DESTROYED
AND IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD IF OUR TRUE PURPOSE HERE IS FOUND OUT.
THAT COULD EXPLAIN WHY WE CAN'T ASK THE GOVERNMENT FOR HELP...
WELL...

THIS JOB HAS ALWAYS STRUCK ME
THAT WHOEVER HIRES US DOESN'T CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT US.
THAT'S RIGHT... THEY ALWAYS PREFER TO THINK THEY COULD RELY ON THEIR OWN COUNTER-TERRORISM FORCES.
BUT THE TRUTH IS... MANY TIMES THEY CAN'T.
SO...THEY CONTACT THE AGENCY FOR SPECIALISTS.
STILL, LEAVING THE PROTECTION OF THEIR COUNTRY IN THE HANDS OF AN OUTSIDER IS A BLOW TO THEIR PRIDE.
OF COURSE THEY WANT TO KEEP THE OPERATIONS SECRET.
HMM
BUT... THAT'S JUST FINE.
WERE OUR EXISTENCE TO BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, IT WOULD MAKE OUR JOB MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.
THE TERRORISTS AREN'T STUPID. IF THE AGENCY INTERVENES, THEY HAVE TO BE HYPER-VIGILANT.

WE ARE THE WIND...
WE MUST APPROACH AS IF WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...BLOW THROUGH... AND THEN VANISH AWAY.
FOR CRIMINALS, YES.
THAT'S FINE ISN'T IT... IF THEY HAVE TO BE HYPER-VIGILANT, IT RESTRICTS THEIR OPERATIONS.
AS FAR AS TERRORISTS ARE CONCERNED, ACTS OF TERROR ARE NOT CRIMES. THEY ARE A MEANS TO AN END.
TO THE EXTENT WE FORCE THEM TO BE VIGILANT, WE FORCE THEM TO BE MORE CLEVER, AND THEY BECOME HARDER THAN EVER TO CONTROL.
WHAT KIND OF END IS BLOWING UP INNOCENT PEOPLE...
THAT'S OUR JOB HERE IN BARCE-LONA.

WE HAVE ANOTHER LIVELY GUIDE TAKING US TO MONTJUÏC TOMORROW.
LET'S SHOWER AND GO TO BED.
OH...IT'S ALREADY ELEVEN O'CLOCK.
THERE'S A FAMOUS DANCER APPEARING AT ONE OF THE CLUBS STARTING AT MIDNIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE LEAVING NOW TO GO SEE SOME FLAMENCO.
WHEN DID YOU MAKE THAT RESERVATION?
I REQUESTED IT AT THE FRONT DESK WHEN WE CHECKED IN. IT'S WHAT TOURISTS DO!

THAT'S BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE DRINKS. AND THERE AREN'T ANY TAXIS.
SAY... HELGA
I'M SO EXCITED I'M BURNING.
THAT WAS SO AMAZING. SO MUCH BETTER THAN I HAD IMAGINED IT WOULD BE.
I'M...EX HAUST-ED...
LET'S WALK TO THE HOTEL.
NOO I JUST WANT TO GET IN MY BED.
AH!!
KYAH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EX-
CUSE
ME
...ARE
YOU HURT...
MISS
LOPEZ!?
THERE
SHE IS!!
GET HER!

PLEASE!! GET OUT OF HERE.
DAMN ...
I FOUND HER! SHE'S HERE!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REASON IS, BUT YOU SEEM LIKE A LOT OF MEN TO BE CHASING ONE GIRL.
IS THE ZEAL OF SPANISH MEN MORE QUANTITY THAN QUALITY?
don't understand English
?
?
LOVE
...BUT!!
NO... YOU CAN'T USE THAT.

doesn't understand a word of spanish
?
can't understand spanish when they talk fast
?
AND GIVE AS THAT GIRL THIS INSTANT!!
CUNTS!! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT, SCRAM!!
LOVE
THE WORDS FOR LOOKING FOR A FIGHT ARE IN A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.
BUT THE MEANING COMES THROUGH.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND THEIR WORDS
!!
SHADDAP!! OUTTA MY WAY!!

UWA!! UWAHHH
I- I'LL REMEMBER YOU!
GYAH!!
WHY YOU!!
Y- YOU TWO...
ADIÓS, SEÑOR
OH, HELGA... YOU CAN SPEAK SPANISH...
HELGA!! GET A CAB!!

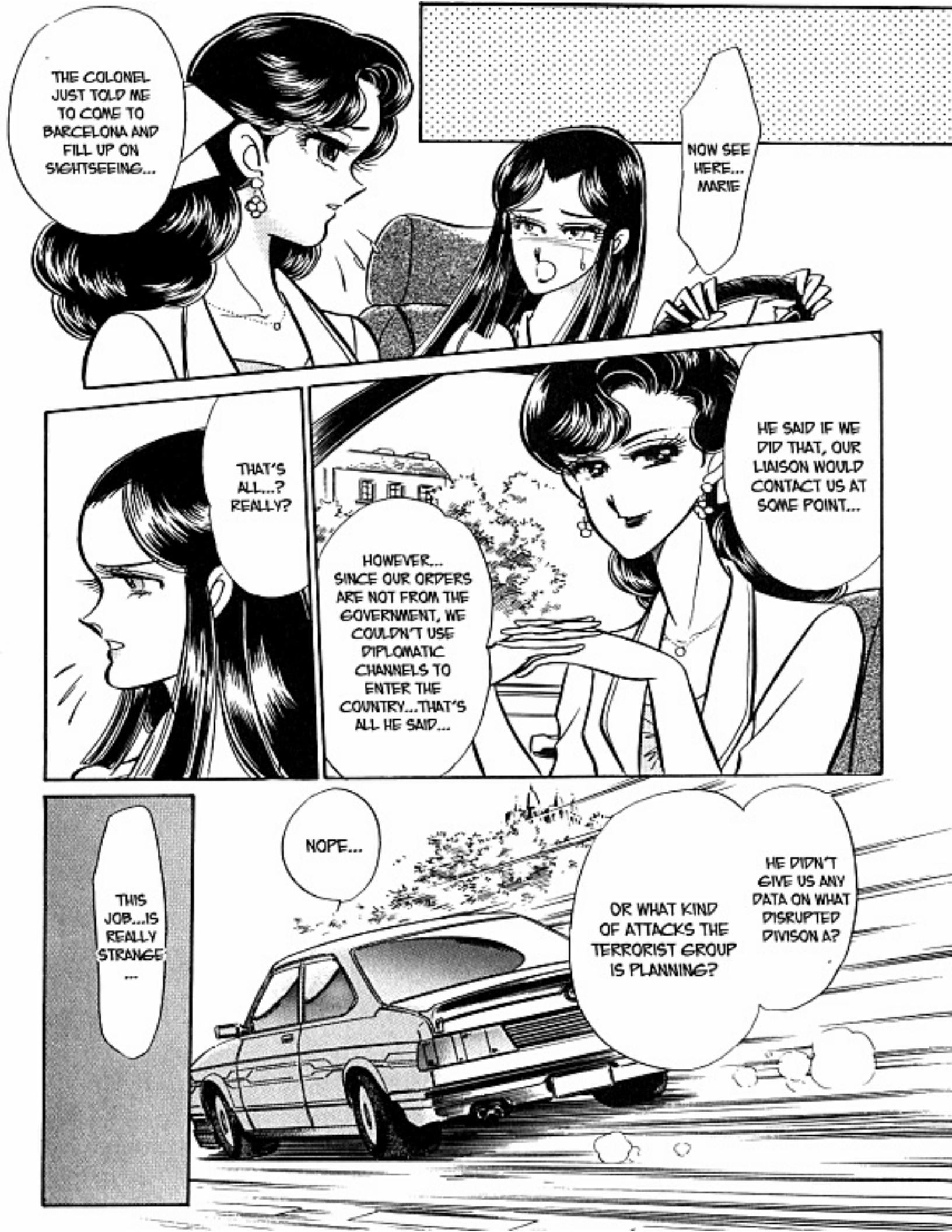
...OWW ...
SHOULDN'T WE BE TAKING HER TO A HOSPITAL?
HELGA, BRING ANOTHER GAUZE PAD.
SHE'LL BE FINE NOW THAT THE BULLET IS OUT OF HER SHOULDER.
THANK-FULLY IT MISSED ANY AR-TERIES.

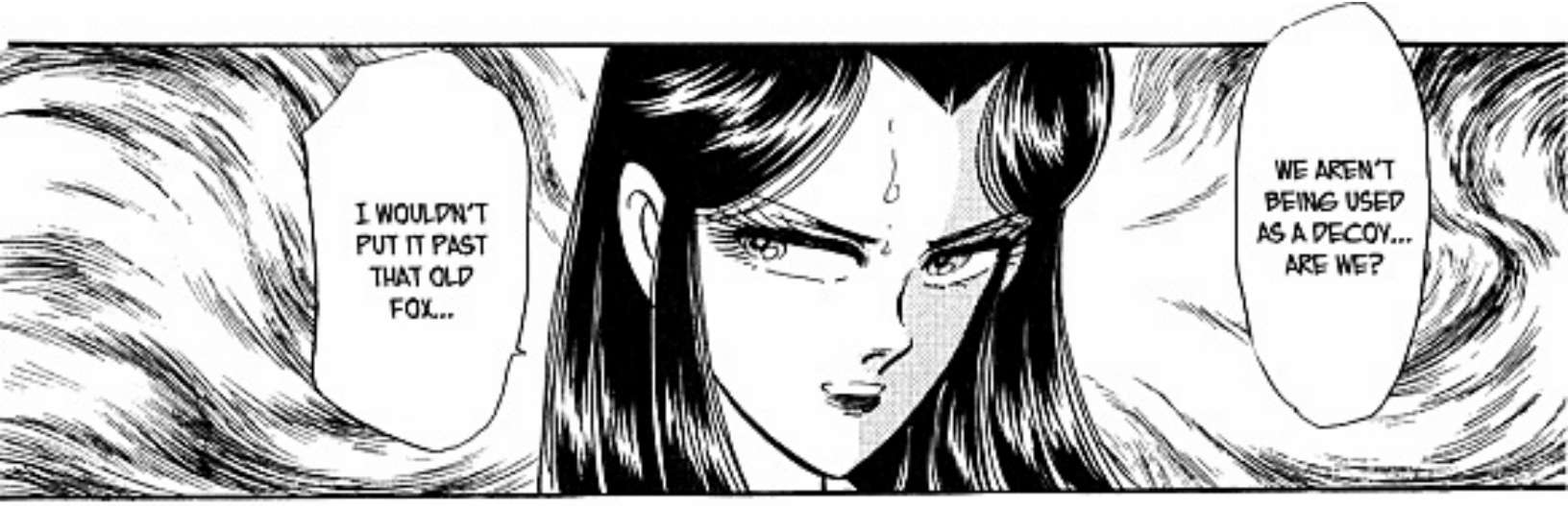
DO YOU MIND IF WE CALL YOUR HOUSE AND HAVE SOMEONE PICK YOU UP?
AH...NO... JUST LET ME REST AWHILE AND I'LL BE FINE.
HERE TAKE THESE.
A PAIN KILLER
AND SOMETHING TO STOP THE BLEEDING.
AND SOMETHING TO KEEP IT FROM FESTERING.
I'M SORRY...
I'VE CAUSED SUCH A BOTHER...
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU,
I WONDER IF I MIGHT KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

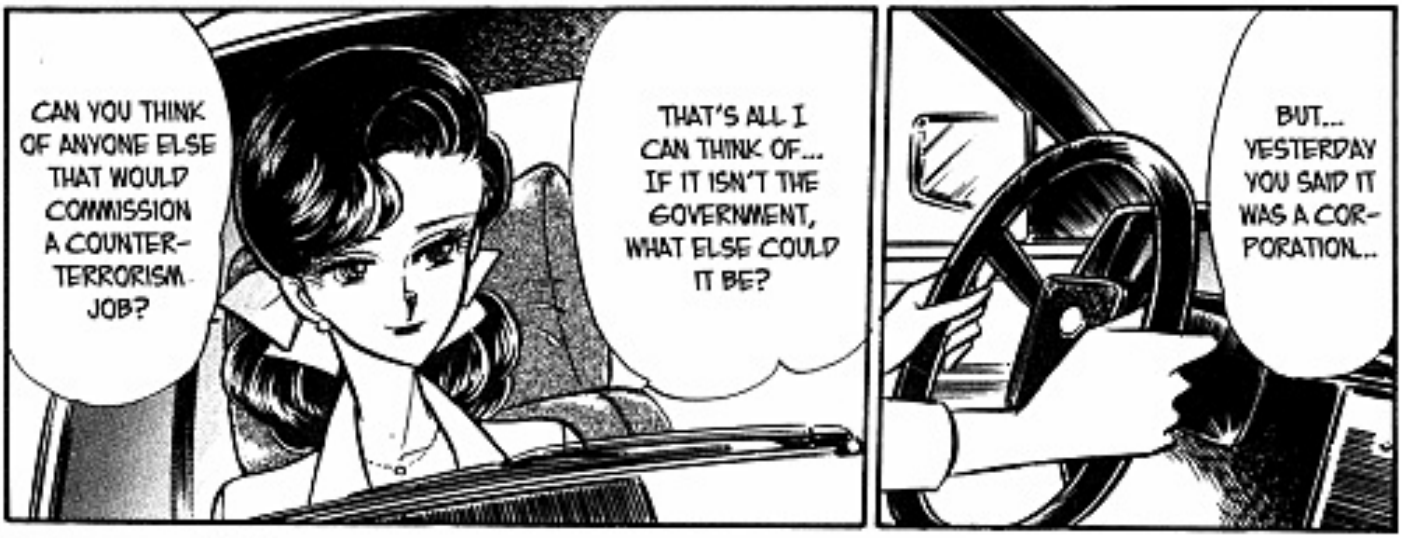
LET GO OF ME...I SAW HER COME IN HERE!!
WELL...I WON'T FORCE YOU TO TELL US.
...I'M SO SORRY...I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO GET FURTHER INVOLVED...
I TOLD YOU TO LET ME GO.
PLEASE SIR!! I'LL HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE.
JOSÉ !! ...
LET HIM COME IN QUIETLY.
JOSÉ!! WHY ARE YOU HERE...
MARIA!!
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE KNOWS HIM, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
BUT OUR GUEST...
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

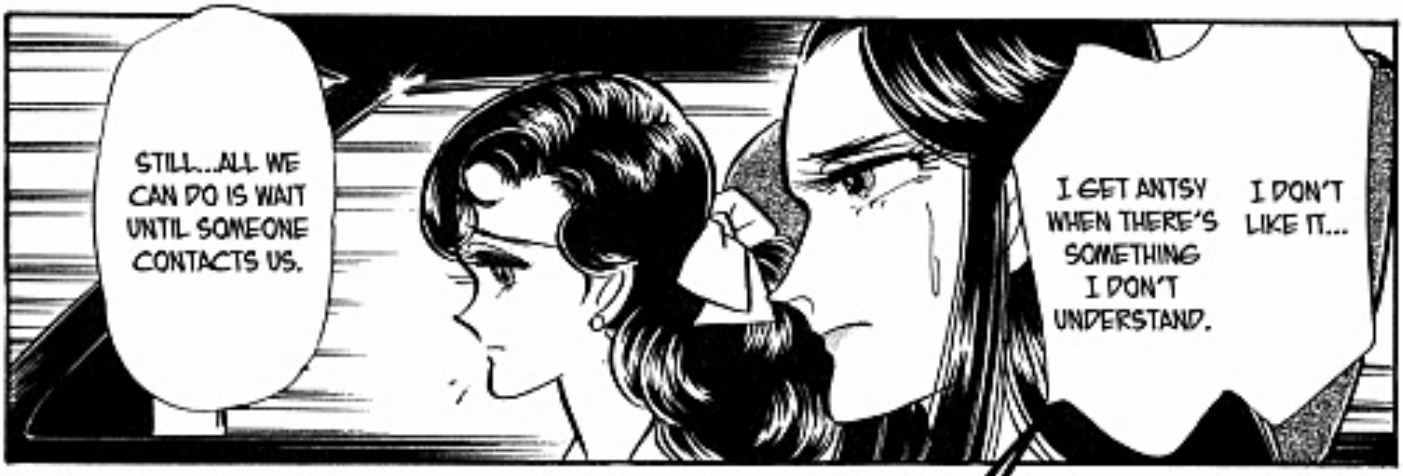
JOSÉ...
DID THOSE GUYS GET YOU!? I TOLD YOU NOT TO BE SO RASH.
OW...
PEDRO SAID HE SAW YOU GO INTO THIS HOTEL...
.....
JOSÉ!!
LET'S GO. NOW!!
.....
.....
JOSÉ!! PLEASE!!
FORGET WHAT YOU SAW TODAY.
YOU TOURISTS WOULD DO BETTER NOT TO STICK YOUR NOSE IN WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG.

PROBABLY... SHE'LL TAKE TOMORROW OFF. I WONDER WHO OUR GUIDE WILL BE.
WHAT IS IT, MARIE?
.....
...SHEESH. WE DIDN'T STICK OUR NOSE IN BECAUSE WE WANTED TO.
WE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN A RENTAL CAR FROM THE START.
CAN'T YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT OUR ORDERS ARE?
SO...HOW MUCH MORE SIGHTSEEING DO WE HAVE TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER.


THE COLONEL JUST TOLD ME TO COME TO BARCELONA AND FILL UP ON SIGHTSEEING...
NOW SEE HERE... MARIE
HE SAID IF WE DID THAT, OUR LIAISON WOULD CONTACT US AT SOME POINT...
THAT'S ALL...? REALLY?
HOWEVER... SINCE OUR ORDERS ARE NOT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, WE COULDN'T USE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO ENTER THE COUNTRY...THAT'S ALL HE SAID...
THIS JOB...IS REALLY STRANGE ...
NOPE...
OR WHAT KIND OF ATTACKS THE TERRORIST GROUP IS PLANNING?
HE DIDN'T GIVE US ANY DATA ON WHAT DISRUPTED DIVISON A?


I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST THAT OLD FOX...
WE AREN'T BEING USED AS A DECOY... ARE WE?


CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD COMMISSION A COUNTER-TERRORISM JOB?
THAT'S ALL I CAN THINK OF... IF IT ISN'T THE GOVERNMENT, WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?
BUT... YESTERDAY YOU SAID IT WAS A COR-PORATION...


STILL...ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT UNTIL SOMEONE CONTACTS US.
I GET ANTSY WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T LIKE IT...

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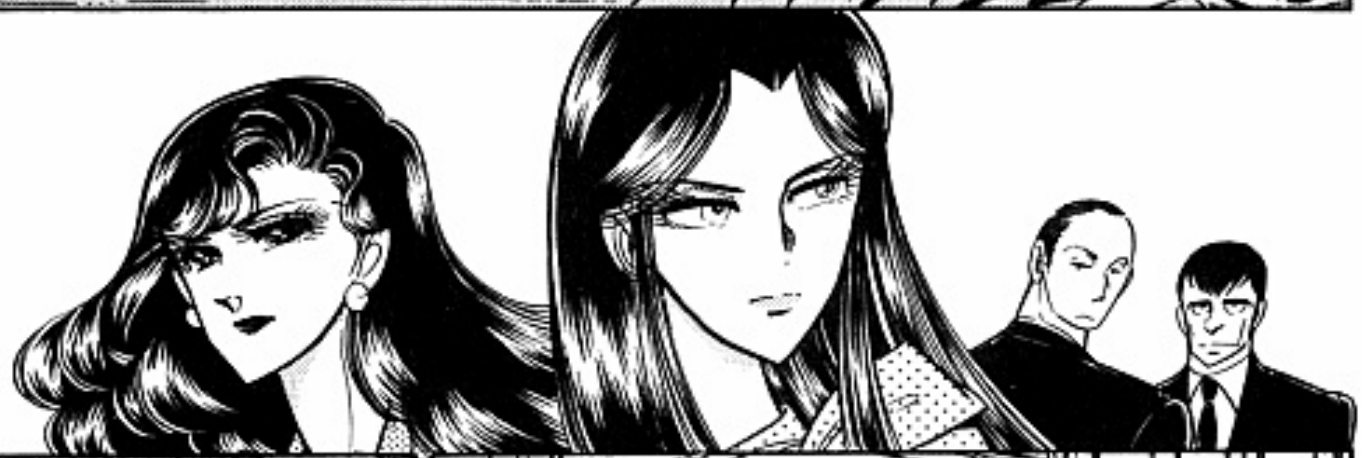
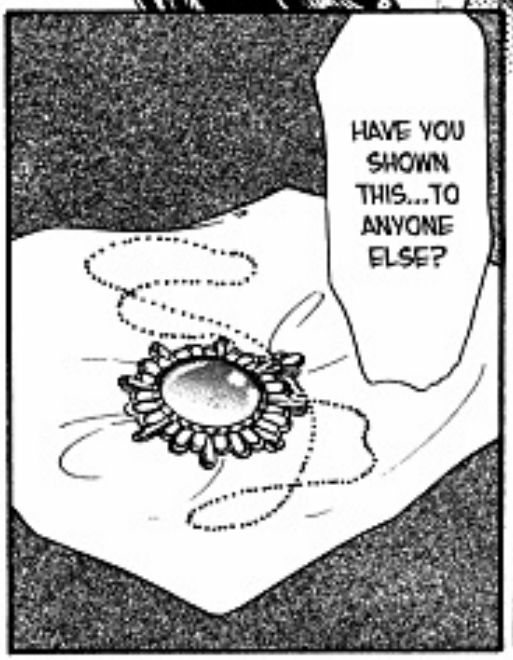
HEL-
GA!!
MARIE!!
GET DOWN!!

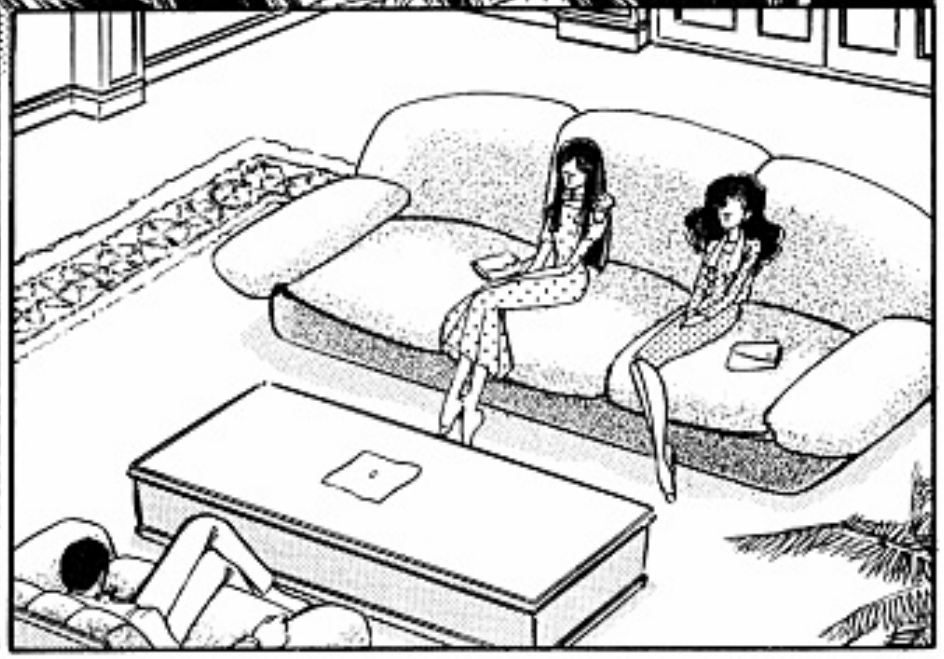
THEY WEREN'T AIMING FOR US.
N-NO. I THINK I'M OKAY.
HELGA!! ARE YOU HURT?
!
GU...
IS THAT GUY... JOSÉ...
THIS...
UH...
EH?
WHAT ABOUT MARIA...
P- PLEASE... T- TAKE THIS TO SALVATORE... MARIA IS...

DON SALVATORE... THERE ARE TWO WOMEN HERE THAT SAY THEY HAVE SOMETHING THAT JOSÉ GAVE THEM.
SOME-THING FROM JOSÉ!!
THE POLICE ARE HERE.
HE'S DEAD ...

PLEASE COME IN.




HAVE YOU SHOWN THIS...TO ANYONE ELSE?



THAT SHOWS WISDOM. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.
NO. HE ASKED US TO BRING IT TO YOU...AND THEN HE BREATHED HIS LAST...
WITH SUCH A SPECIFIC DESTINATION, I WOULD NOT HAVE SHOWN IT TO ANYONE ELSE.
YOU HAVE BEEN INCONVENIENCED IN YOUR VISIT TO BARCELONA... PLEASE ALLOW ME TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.
HOTELS, CARS, SHOWS, RESTAURANTS... I'LL SECURE THE FINEST IN BARCELONA
ASK FOR ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE.
SEÑOR
WHAT HAPPENED TO MARIA LOPEZ?
WELL... THERE IS ONE THING.

I WANT YOU TO HAVE BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES OF IT...
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT...PLEASE ENJOY BARCELONA.
HA HA HA...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS HOW BEAUTIFUL OUR MEMORIES ARE.
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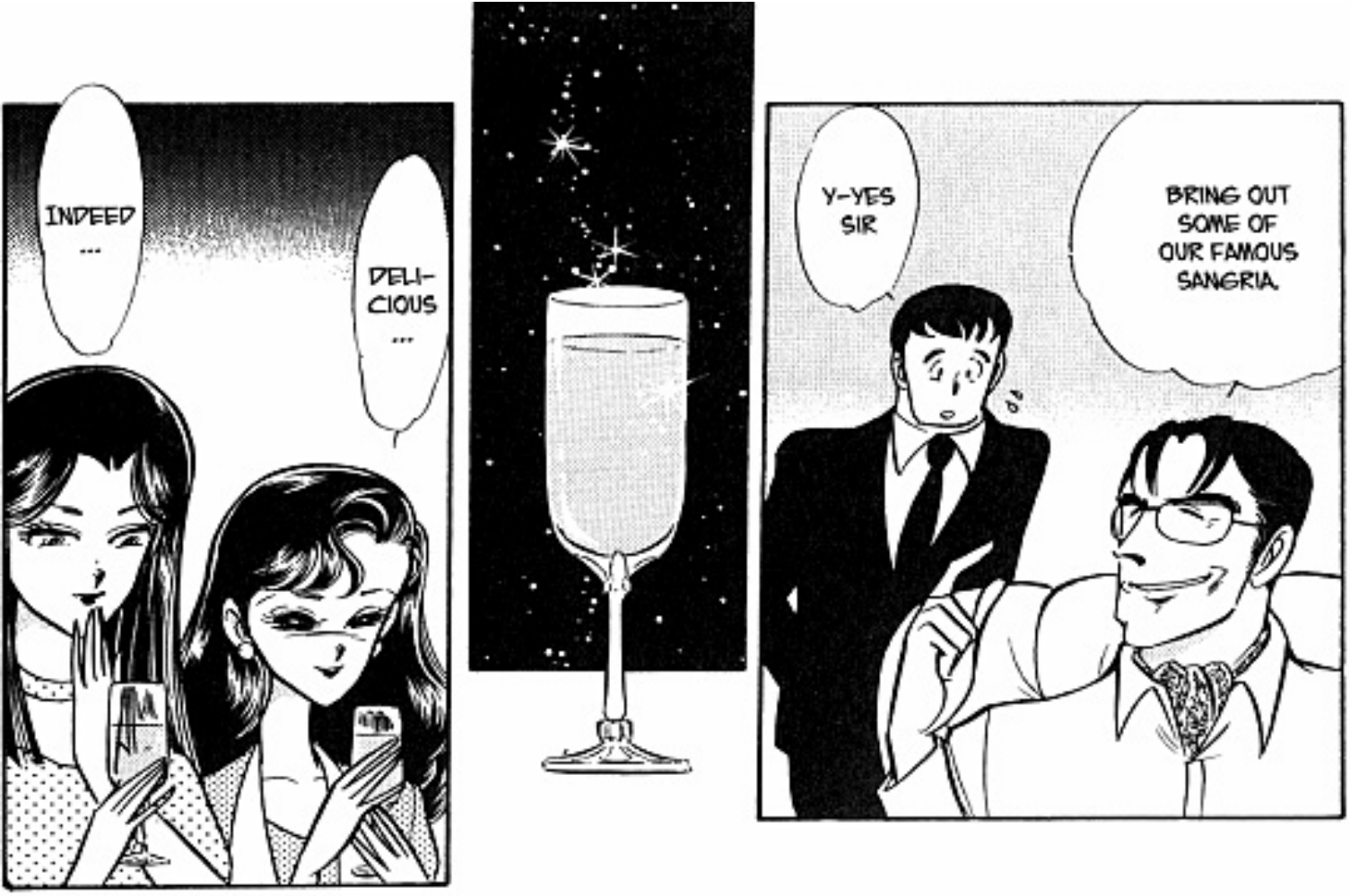
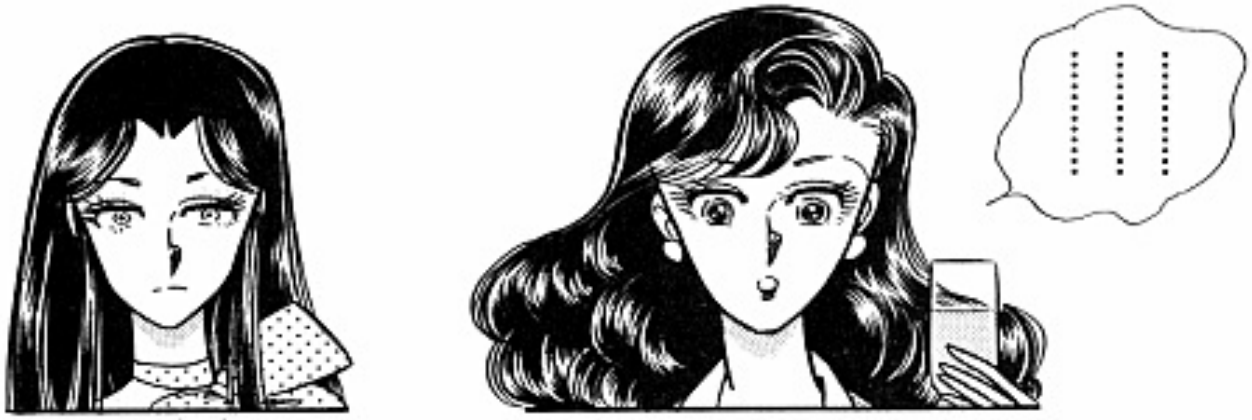
……

YOU CAN HAVE IT.
HMPH
THIS BELONGS TO THAT GIRL MARIA.
WITHOUT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON, EVEN WITH YOUR KIND HOSPITALITY I DOUBT WE CAN REALLY HAVE A GOOD TIME.
WE'RE ALREADY TOO FAR IN.
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO AMERICA DO YOU REALLY WISH TO KNOW...?
IF I TELL YOU...
EVEN IF WE CAN'T GO BACK...WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK.
JUST NOW... YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED WE KNOW HOW TO HANDLE OUR WEAPONS.

BUT...
STAND DOWN YOU TWO.
NO MATTER HOW OLD I GET, THE LADIES HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH ME.
YOU'RE AN ARMS DEALER... DON SALVATORE
SO YOU NOTICED?
MY...
MISS MARIE, WOULD YOU KINDLY POINT THAT D'ILLINGER AWAY FROM MY FOREHEAD.
Oh...he caught me... dang...
I WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED FROM APPEARANCES. I LEARNED SOMETHING TONIGHT.





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File 9: Madrigal of the Wind (2)

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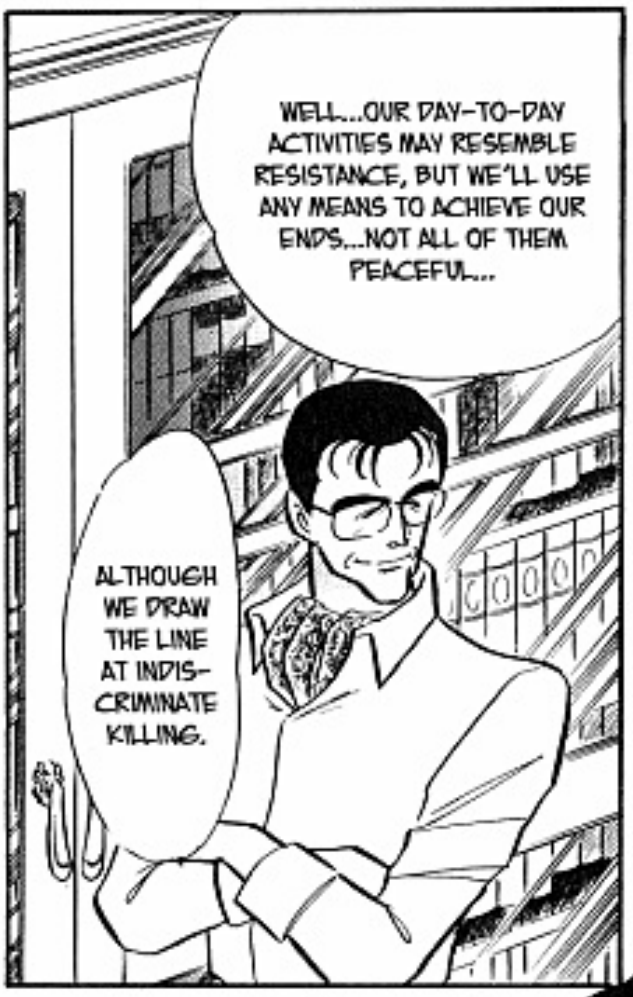
!!... TERROR-ISTS!?
IT'S A WORD PEOPLE IN SPAIN USE OFTEN.
GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH EXCELLENT SUN, WATER, PEOPLE, AND FARMLANDS.
BUT...ONE THING...
HE HAS NOT BLESSED US WITH IS GOVERNMENT.

MONARCHY, REPUBLIC... DICTATORSHIP, CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY...IT SEEMS UNUSUAL THAT SPAIN HAS TRIED SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF GOVERNMENT.
BUT NOT ONE OF THEM HAS SATISFIED THE PEOPLE.
INSTEAD OF SATISFYING THE PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPRESSED THEM...
THE PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS...
OUR GROUP HAS A LONG HISTORY. IT STARTED IN THE MID-ELEVENTH CENTURY WITH THE RECONQUISTA.
RECONQUISTA? WHAT IS THAT?
RE-CONQUERING AN INVADED COUNTRY... IT WAS A RELIGIOUS WAR BETWEEN ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY...

WE WERE FORMALLY ORGANIZED IN 1808.
WE DEFEATED THE DOMINATION OF THE NAPOLEONIC DICTATORSHIP.
WE MODERNIZED IN 1936...
DURING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR.

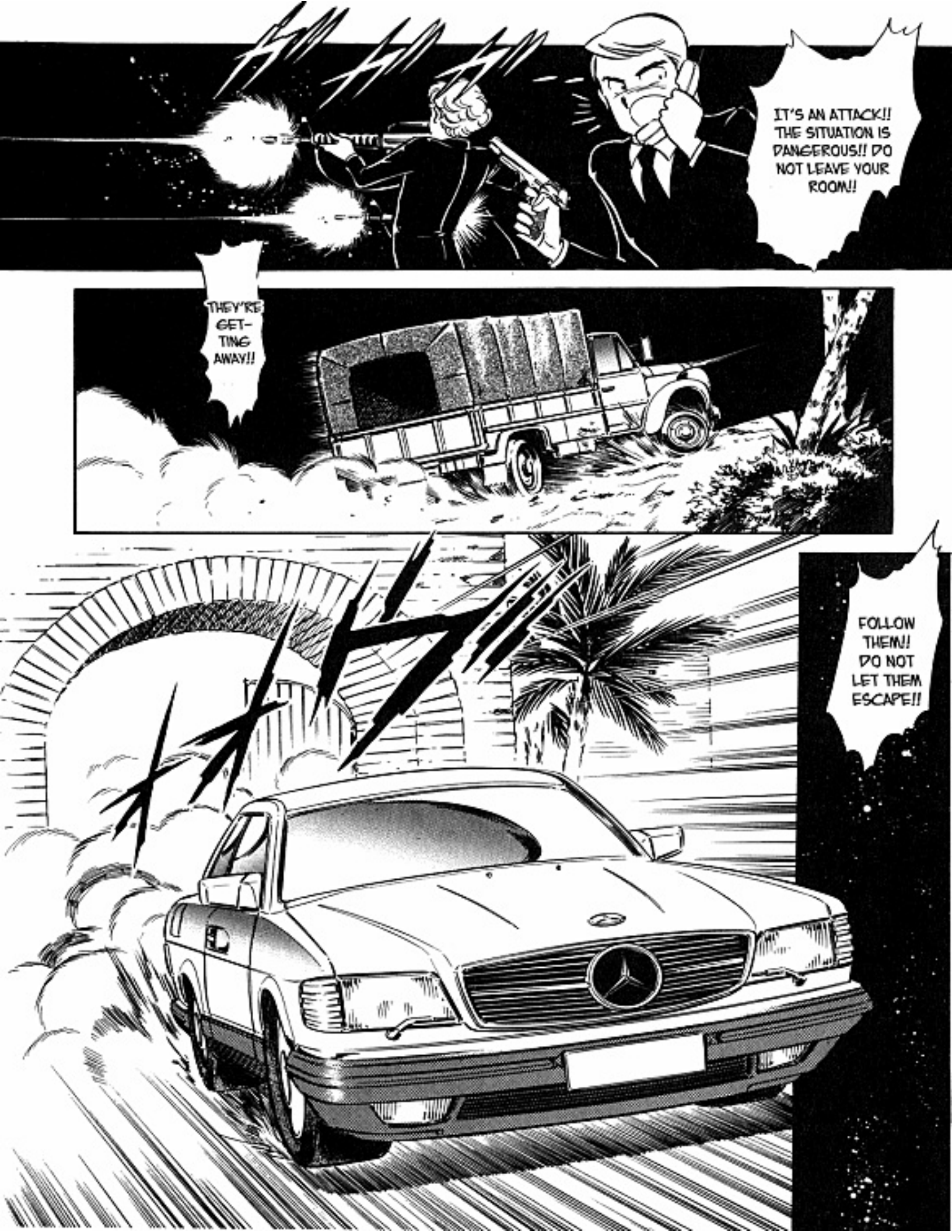

WELL...OUR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES MAY RESEMBLE RESISTANCE, BUT WE'LL USE ANY MEANS TO ACHIEVE OUR ENDS...NOT ALL OF THEM PEACEFUL...
ALTHOUGH WE DRAW THE LINE AT INDISCRIMINATE KILLING.

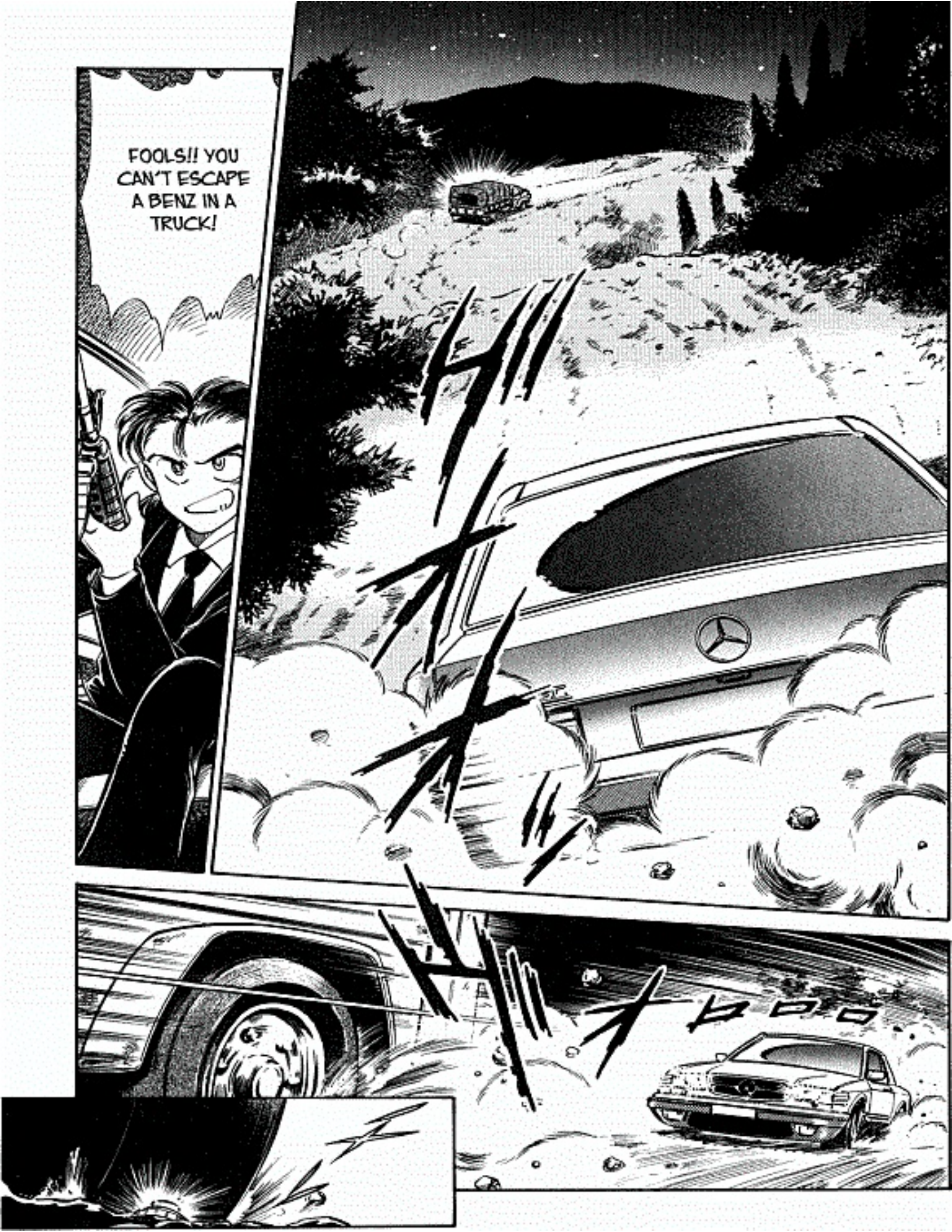
UMM...FROM YOUR DESCRIPTIONS IT SEEM YOU'RE MORE LIKE RESISTANCE THAN TERRORISTS.

IF A GOVERNMENT PUTS IN PLACE A SET OF LAWS, ANYONE WHO DOESN'T FOLLOW THE LAWS IS BY DEFINITION ACTING ILLEGALLY.
BECAUSE WE CHOOSE THAT WAY OF LIFE, WE ARE ALWAYS OUTSIDE THE LAW.

...
SO...YOU'RE USING MARIA IN THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES?
ALL WE WANT TO KNOW IS IF MARIA IS UNHURT.
WHETHER YOU ARE A TERRORIST OR NOT IS NONE OF OUR CONCERN. WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS WHAT DOES THIS PENDANT HAVE TO DO WITH MARIA'S LIFE OR DEATH?
MARIA... IS...!!
!!

SECURITY!! WHAT HAP-PENED!?
IT'S A MORTAR. PROBABLY 75 MILLIMETER.
HELGA!!


IT'S AN ATTACK!! THE SITUATION IS DANGEROUS!! DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOM!!
THEY'RE GET-TING AWAY!!
FOLLOW THEM!! DO NOT LET THEM ESCAPE!!


FOOLS!! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE A BENZ IN A TRUCK!
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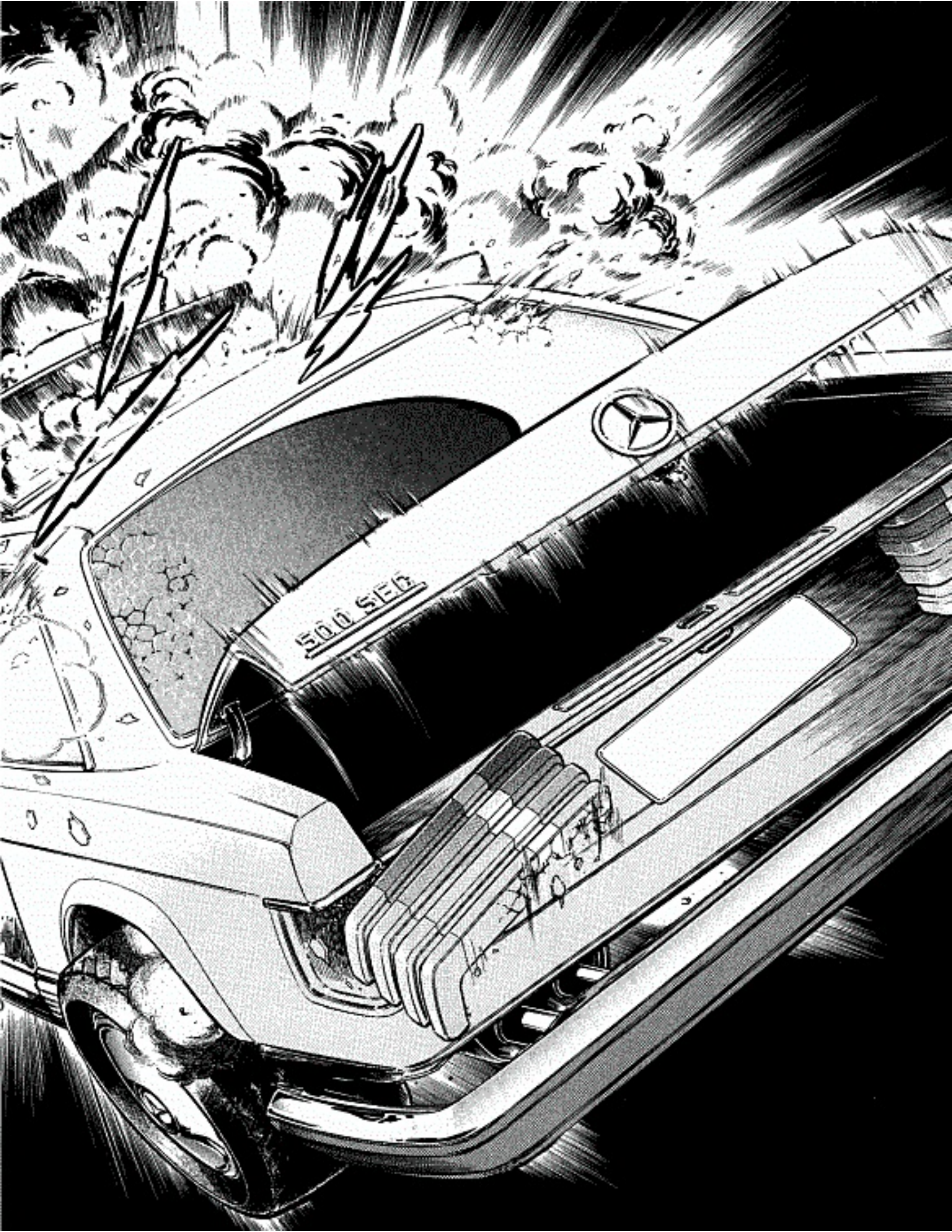
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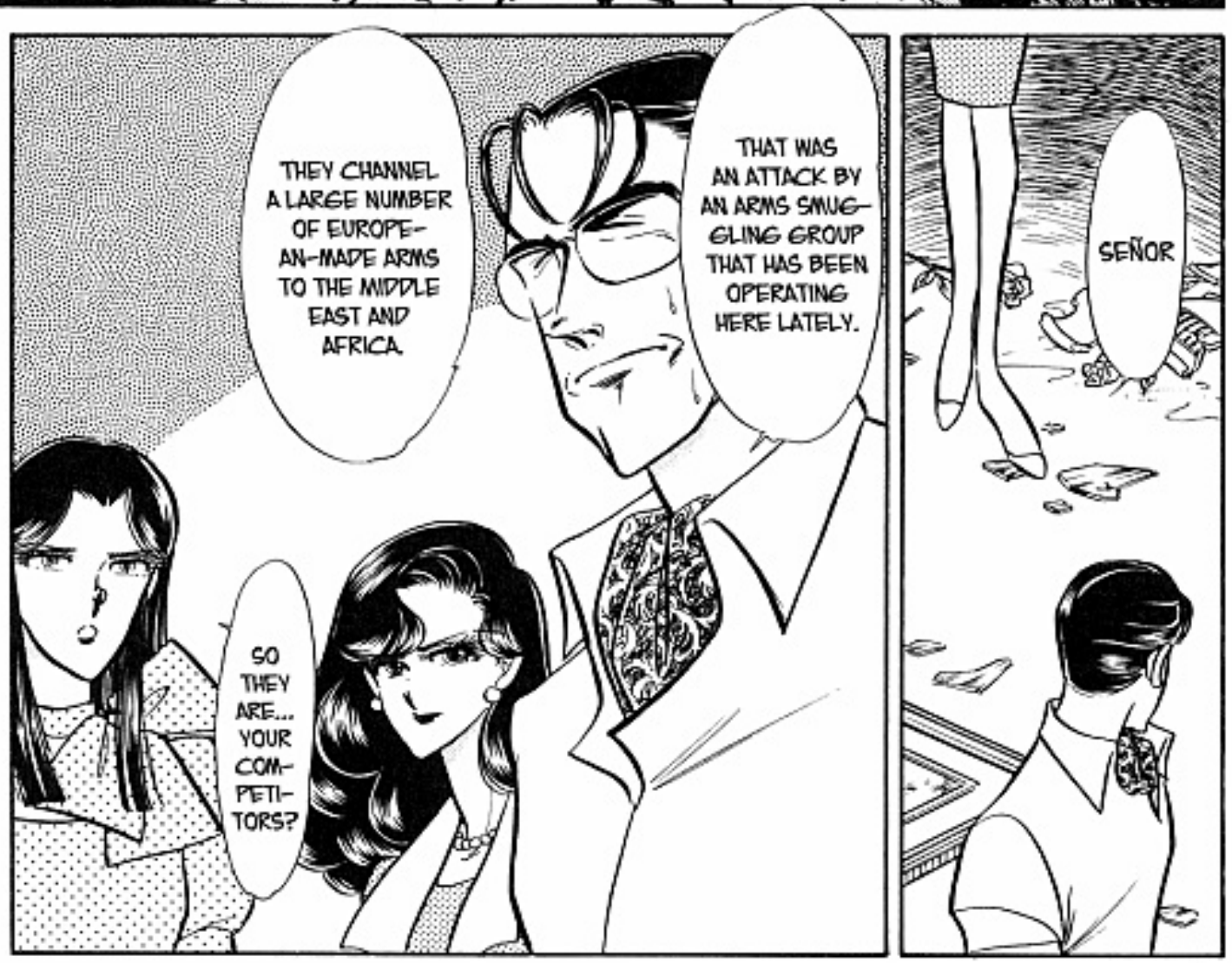
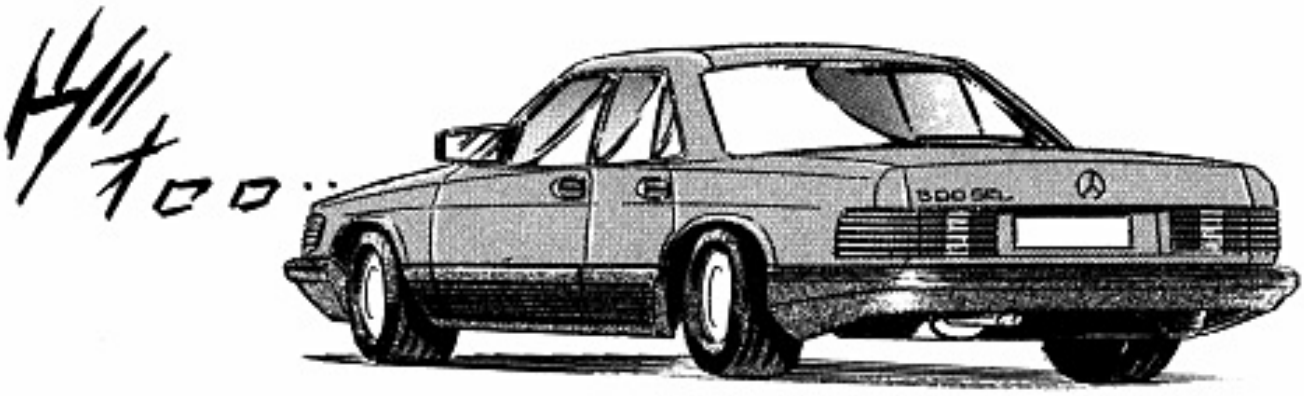
TO SEND A NEAR TWO-TON BENZ 500 SEC FLYING...
THEY MAY AS WELL HAVE USED AN ANTI-TANK DEVICE.
STAY CALM!! DIVIDE INTO TWO GROUPS TO PUT OUT THE FIRE AND ASSIST THE WOUNDED.


THAT WAS AN ATTACK BY AN ARMS SMUGGLING GROUP THAT HAS BEEN OPERATING HERE LATELY.
THEY CHANNEL A LARGE NUMBER OF EUROPEAN-MADE ARMS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA.
SO THEY ARE... YOUR COMPETITORS?
SEÑOR

DON SALVA-TORE
MY BUSINESS IS INTERNATIONAL TRADE. SIXTY PERCENT OF OUR BUSINESS MIGHT AS WELL BE CALLED FIREARMS.
THEY ARE VILLAINS.
I WOULD NOT CALL THEM COMPETI-TORS!!
IT SEEMS LIKE A TURF WAR...

I AM NOT GOING TO SPEAK ANY MORE ABOUT THIS. AFTER ARRIVING AT YOUR HOTEL, PLEASE FORGET ALL ABOUT TODAY AND ENJOY SPAIN TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
THE CAR IS READY. LET ME TAKE YOU TO YOUR HOTEL.
SEÑOR SALVATORE
.....
SO WE'RE TO ABANDON MARIA?
DO YOU THINK HER OWN FATHER WOULD ABANDON HER?
!

SIR
PEDRO, TAKE THESE GUESTS TO THEIR HOTEL.
IT'S TIME.
DON SALVA-TORE


HUH TOO...

SHALL I LET YOU OFF IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL?
IN THE END... WE DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WE CAME FOR.
.....
IS DON SALVATORE GOING TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER?

!!
I'M SORRY. I CAN'T ANSWER THAT.
MARIE
THE CHAMBER CONTAINS ONLY ONE ROUND, BUT IT IS A FULL-CHARGE .357 MAGNUM
TAKE US TO WHERE SALVATORE IS, SEÑOR PEDRO.

I WAS TOLD TO WAIT HERE FOR ORDERS.
AH... YES
THIS... IS A HARBOR... RIGHT?
JUST WHO ARE YOU...
I'LL FEEL BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT .38 SPECIAL.
EXCUSE ME, AMIGO!!
!!
!!
UH...

ANTO-
NIO!!
P-
PEDRO
WHAT
ABOUT
THE DON
AND THE
MISS!?
NO
IDEA...
THEY GOT US
COMPLETE-
LY...WHILE
THE LIGHTS
WERE OUT
THEY SHOT
THE CRAP
OUT OF US.
ANTONIO!!
HEY! STAY
WITH ME!
QUECHA...
MARIO...
EVEN
THOUGH IT
WAS PITCH
BLACK...
THEY HAD
PERFECT
AIM...

EITHER INFRARED OR LIGHT AMPLIFI-CATION...
UH-HUH...
NOCTO-VISION... MUST BE...
PEDRO, DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVE AMMO?
IF IT'S INFRARED, THAT'LL BE OKAY.
?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ACQUIRE SOME ON SITE.
hyehh...
THERE'S NO HELPING IT. HE'S AN UNDERLING AFTER ALL.

THESE INFRARED GLASSES WILL WORK IN SOMETHING LIKE A DARKENED MOVIE THEATER...
BUT IF OUR OPPONENTS ARE USING INFRARED NOCTOVISION, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE WITH THEM ON.
THEY MAY ONLY BE GOOD FOR PEACE OF MIND...
BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT PENDANT.
MARIA MAY BE UNHARMED...

I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD HAVE CHASED DOWN JOSE AND KILLED HIM...
IF ALL THEY WANTED TO DO WAS NOTIFY DON SALVATORE THAT THEY HAD TAKEN MARIA HOSTAGE,
THEN...
KYAH...
sqlish...
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE RATHER PISSED THAT WE GAVE THE PENDANT TO DON SALVATORE...
COULD BE.

OVER THERE, TOO.
ONE OF DON SALVATORE'S MEN...
INSIDE THAT WARE-HOUSE?
IT'S TOO QUIET...I WONDER IF THEY'VE PULLED OUT.
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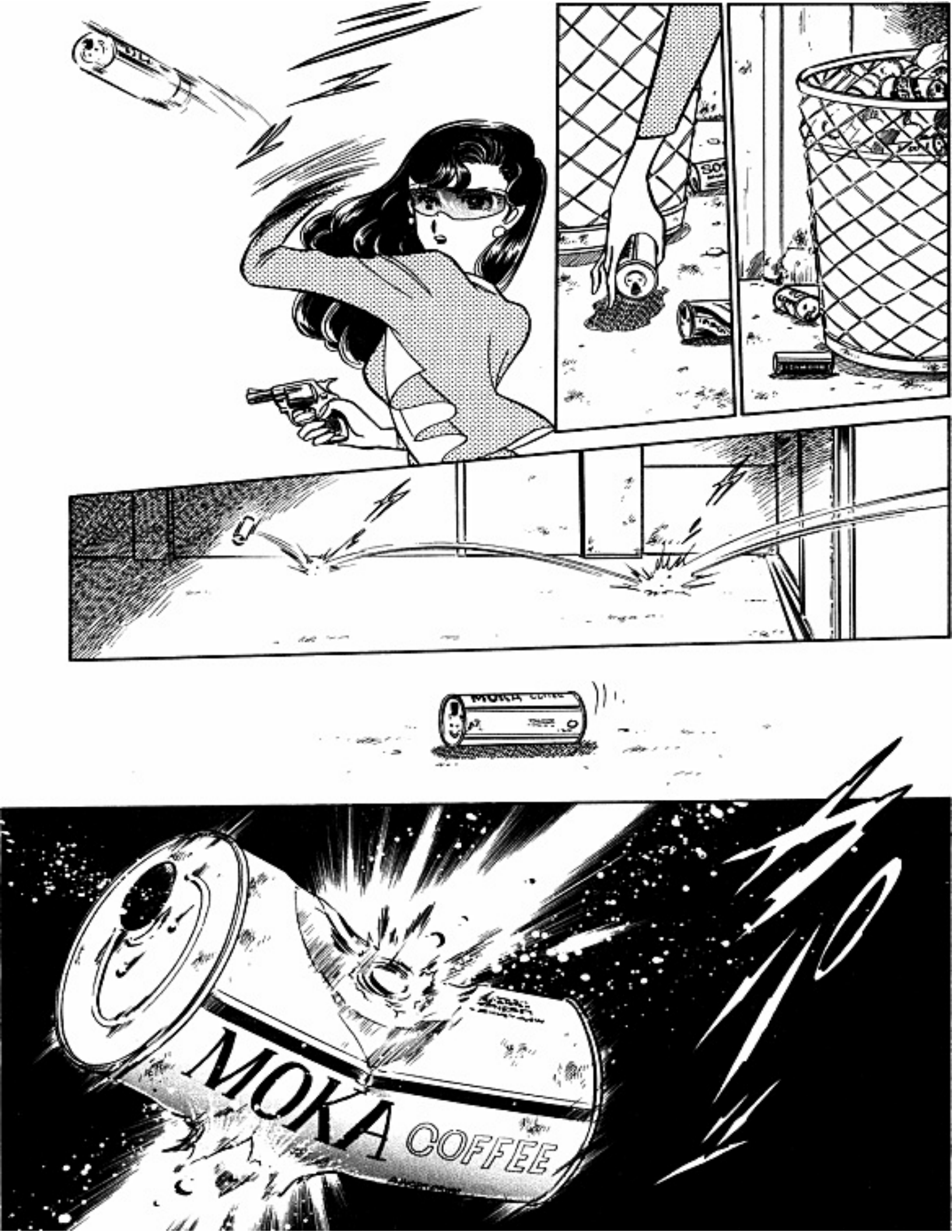
MOKA COFFEE

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File 9: Madrigal of the Wind (3)

HEL-
GA!!
.....
I CAN'T SEE ANY LIGHT SOURCE... THEY MUST NOT BE USING INFRARED...
WHERE... ARE THEY SHOOTING FROM?

TSK!!
HEY ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
EVEN THE CHICKS RUN AROUND ARMED...
THAT SALVATORE IS QUITE THE ARMS DEALER.
BITTMAN THERE'S YOUR BAD HABIT AGAIN.
BUT THE OTHER ONE...
THE DEAD GIRL WAS GOOD ENOUGH LOOKING,
THERE'S NO POINT IN HANGING AROUND LONGER. LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
OUR JOB IS FINISHED.

YOU LACK AMBITION.
...DO AS YOU LIKE.
I'M LEAVING.
AND AFTER ALL I'M GONNA KILL HER...
IT'S BEEN AWHILE.
THIS CAN'T COUNT AGAINST ME.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO SHARE YOUR VALUABLE INSIGHT ON THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION.
SURE, SURE
ﾚｰﾚｰﾚｰ...

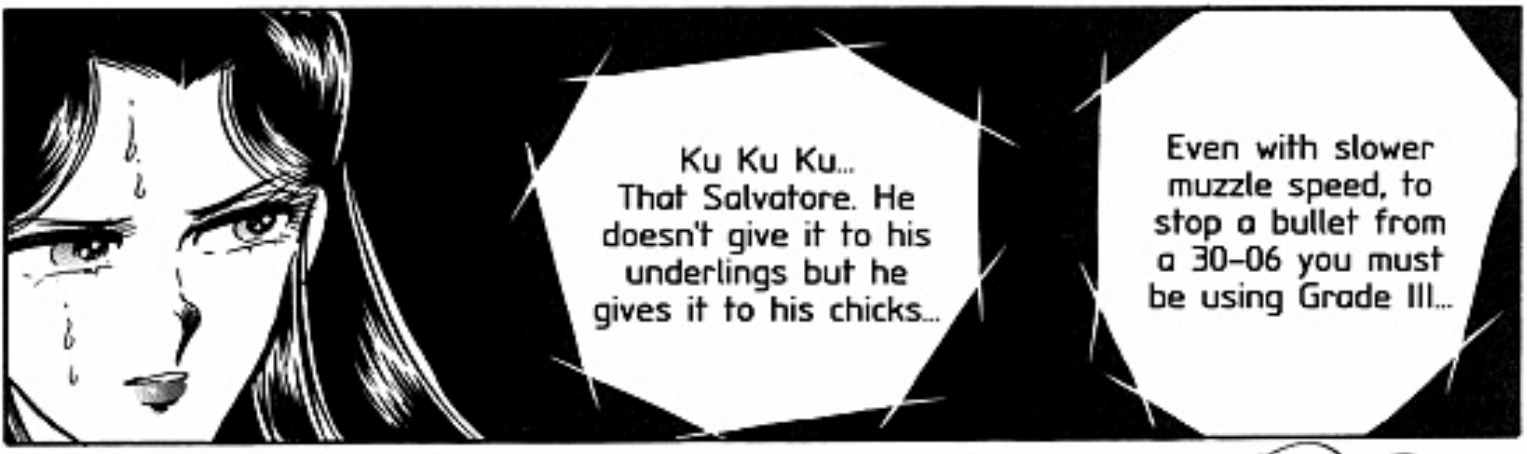
REMEMBER THAT THE REASON WE WANT TO COOPERATE WITH THE GANG IS TO GET WEAPONS MORE EASILY.
DON'T FOR-GET.

UH...
WITHOUT GRADE III, IT WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH.
LIKE BEING WALLOPED WITH A HAMMER...
...IT WAS SUCH A SHOCK.
YOU'RE OKAY...IT DIDN'T GO IN.
A SILENCER SLOWS THE BULLET DOWN... BUT...THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S USING A SILENCER, SO THAT HELPED.
AT THE RANGE YOU'D HAVE TO BE TO USE A NIGHT SCOPE WITH A 30-06 RIFLE, THERE'S DANGER EVEN WITH A GRADE III VEST.

UNFORTUNATELY BAD GUYS ARE NOT SEPARATED BY GENDER.
THE TITANIUM PLATE FOR A MAN IS THICKER, BUT OURS HAS TO BE MORE LIKE A BODY SUIT, SO THAT'S ABOUT AS THICK AS IT CAN BE.
EVEN AT REDUCED SPEED, THE BULLET WENT THROUGH THE CERAMIC AND FIVE LAYERS OF KEVLAR. IF THE FINAL TITANIUM PLATE HADN'T BEEN THERE THE BULLET WOULD HAVE PIERCED IT.
IF HE HAD CRAPPY AIM AND MISSED BY A BIT, IT MIGHT HAVE HIT YOUR HEAD OR THROAT AND KILLED YOU...
BECAUSE HE WAS AIMING FOR YOUR HEART THE BODY ARMOR STOPPED IT.
IT'S A GOOD THING THE SHOOTER HAS THE AIM OF A SNIPER.
!!
DON'T REMIND ME...

WHICHEVER IT IS, WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY STAYING...WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE...
W- WAS THAT THE WIND?
I DON'T KNOW ...
...Freeze...

I'm surprised... the girl is still alive.
Body armor... huh
The two of you can see nothing, but I can see you quite well.


Ku Ku Ku... That Salvatore. He doesn't give it to his underlings but he gives it to his chicks...
Even with slower muzzle speed, to stop a bullet from a 30-06 you must be using Grade III...

THERE!!
They don't tell me stuff like that.
No idea...
WHAT... HAPPENED TO HIM? WHERE IS MARIA?

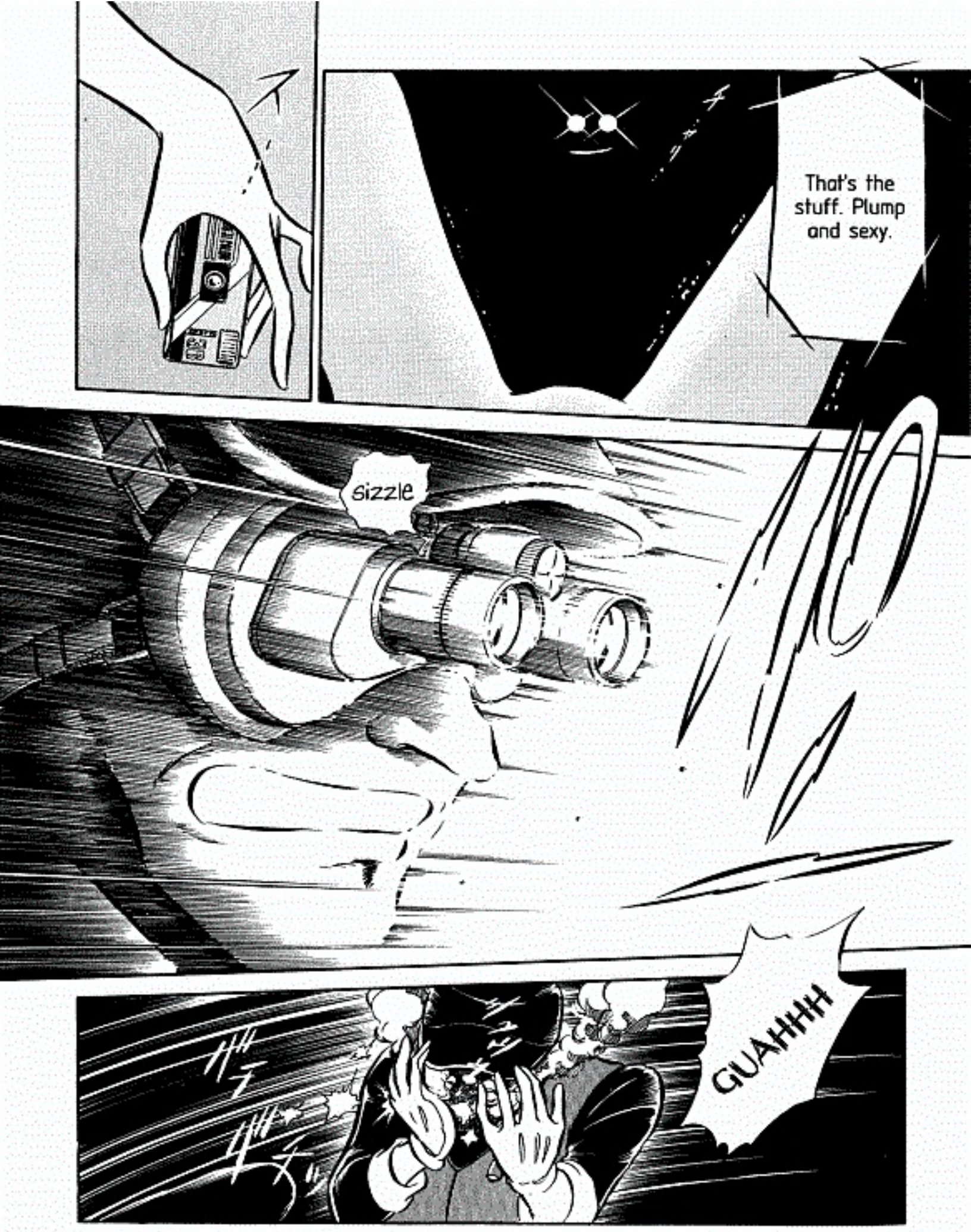
...NO WAY...
Oops... I forgot. Throw down your weapons.
You've got some good ears on you_little lady.
After your guns, next I think I'll have you throw away your clothes...

MARIE
Even Grade III body armor won't stop a rifle bullet at ten yards.
Hurry!! You're within ten yards...
Take everything off. I want you buck naked.
Ku ku ku

Ohh... You've got a rose tattoo on your breast...
Ku ku ku...You have no idea where your buddy is...
DAMN... I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE MARIE IS.
Now three paces to the right and turn around.
Then two to the right and five to the left.
You first... Go over there and lie down...
The other, take three paces back.
MARIE
Oh well... you'll hear her voice soon enough and know the direction then.

Spread your legs... ku ku ku
Nice proportions. Ku ku ku...

You must have showed it to Salvatore...ku ku ku...
What are you ashamed of?
Ha ha ha... Looking good.
MARIE
Open wider!!

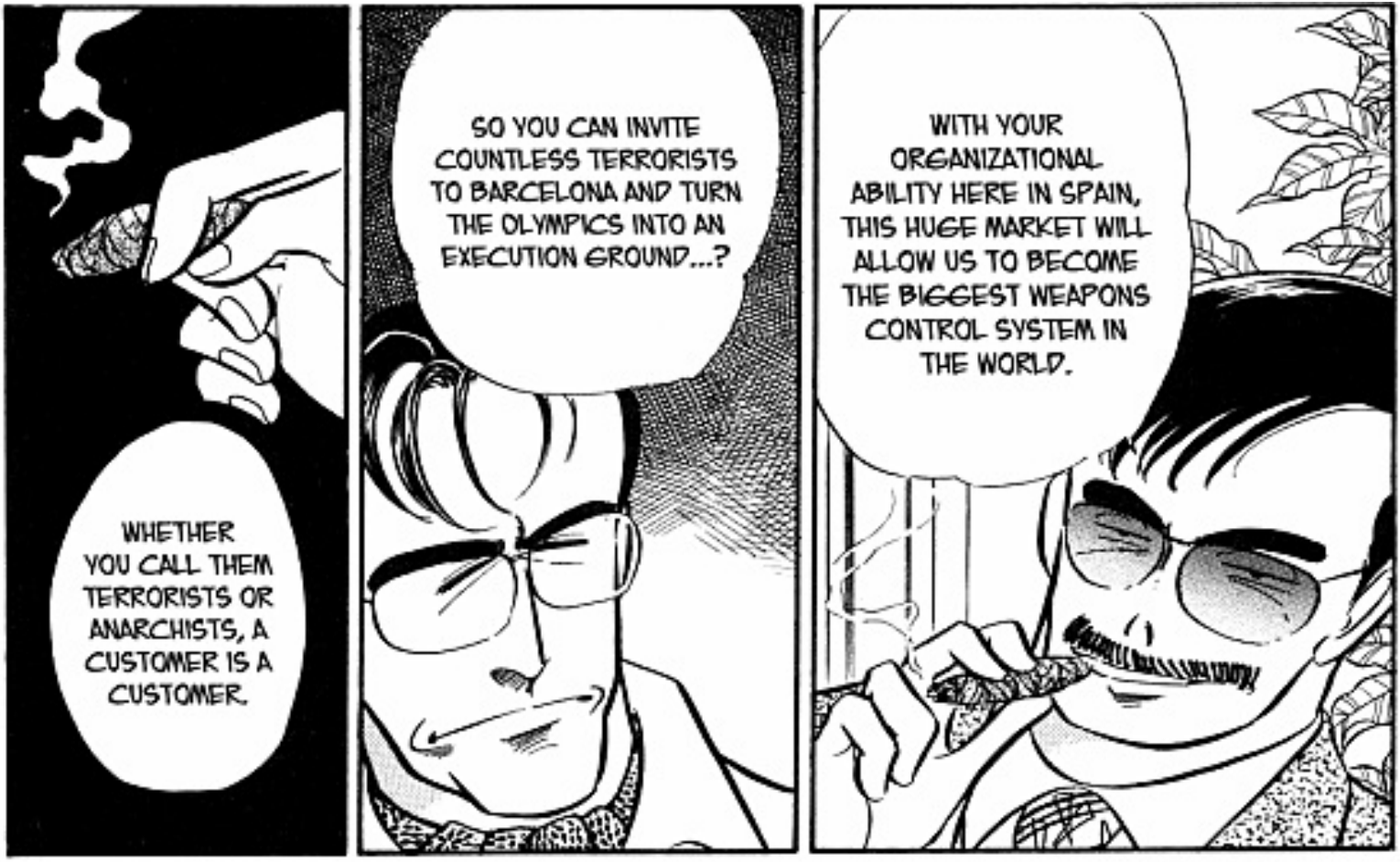

That's the stuff. Plump and sexy.
sizzle
GUAHHHH

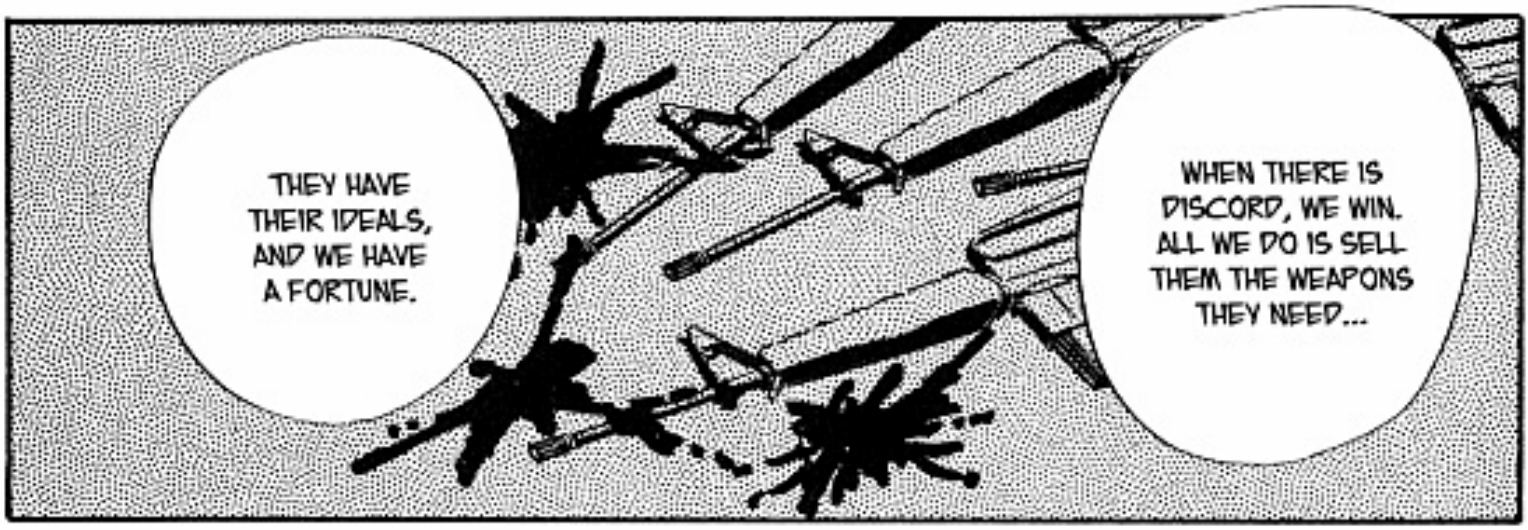
MARIE!!
1/0
WHAT HAPPENED!? WHERE ARE YOU?
MARIE MARIE

MARIE
WHAT'S ...THAT?
A THROWAWAY CAMERA WITH A STROBE FLASH...
FUJI COLOR
FUJI
36

HITTING IT WITH A STROBE FLASH...IS TOO MUCH FOR IT.
NOCTOVISION AMPLIFIES A MINUSCULE AMOUNT OF LIGHT BY SEVERAL THOUSAND TIMES...
AH...ANYWAY... I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SO EMBARRASSING..
Well, he didn't see me... And anyway he's dead...
We both... had a nasty experience!!
SO...YOU TOOK YOUR CLOTHES RIGHT OFF...
You're too bold, y'know...
THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT WOULDN'T WORK UNLESS HE POINTED THE SCOPE RIGHT AT THE FLASH...
Well... you know a guy always wants to look...
...UMM...
SO WE COULDN'T TELL WHERE HIS VOICE WAS COMING FROM...
THERE'S A SMALL SPEAKER HANGING UP ABOVE...
IT'S A GOOD THING I HID THAT DERRINGER INSIDE MY HAIR.

WE CAN SUPPLY ARMS ANYWHERE IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA, AND AFRICA...
WITH BARCELONA AS A BASE, AND LEAVING ASIDE THE AMERICAS,
Milano
Barcelona
Madrid
Roma
Tunis
IT'S A HUGE MARKET.
YOU WON'T LOSE BY IT.
THE ERA IS OVER WHEN SMALL ARMS DEALERS CONTROL SMALL AREAS.
IF YOU COOPERATE, I CAN GUARANTEE THE LIVES OF YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER.

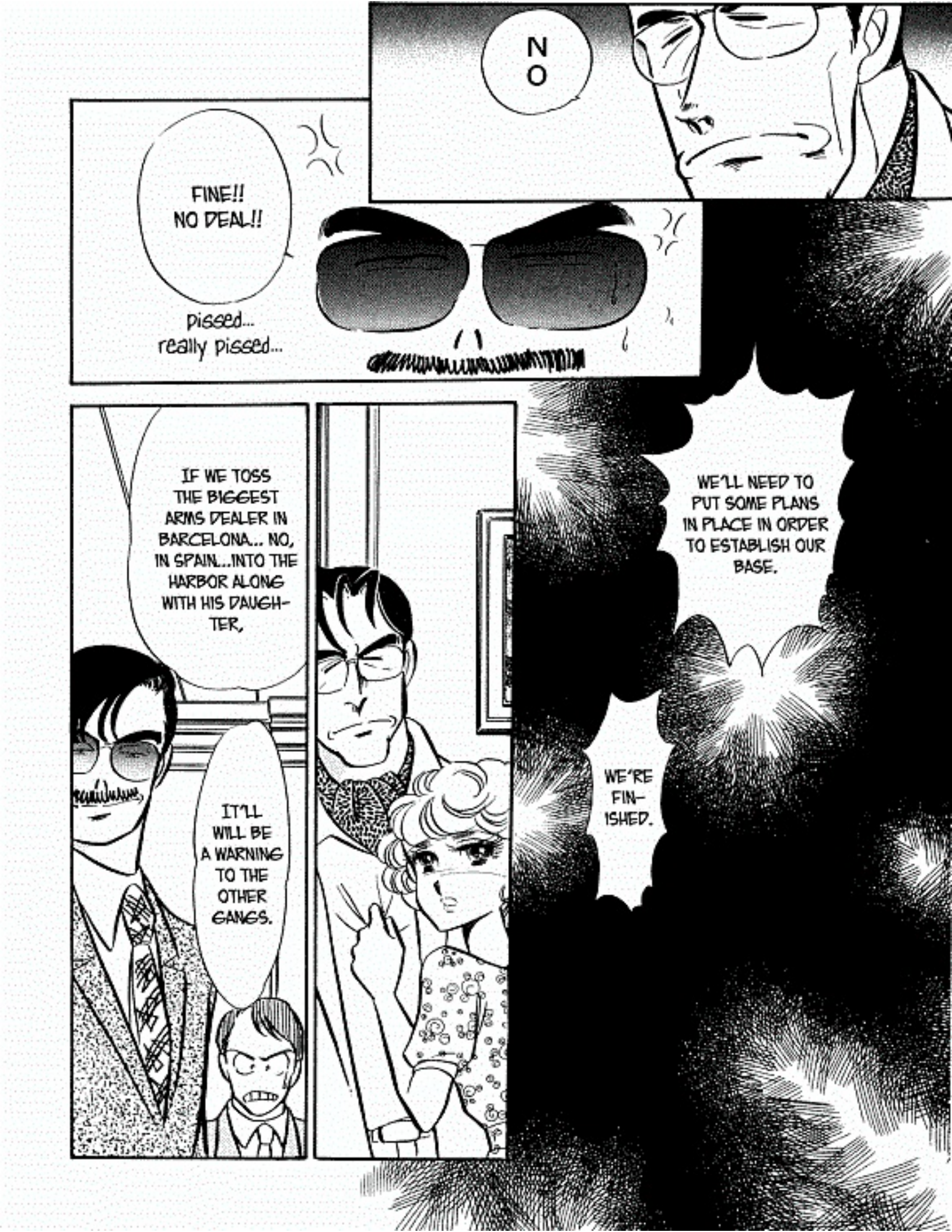

WHETHER YOU CALL THEM TERRORISTS OR ANARCHISTS, A CUSTOMER IS A CUSTOMER.
SO YOU CAN INVITE COUNTLESS TERRORISTS TO BARCELONA AND TURN THE OLYMPICS INTO AN EXECUTION GROUND...?
WITH YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY HERE IN SPAIN, THIS HUGE MARKET WILL ALLOW US TO BECOME THE BIGGEST WEAPONS CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.


THEY HAVE THEIR IDEALS, AND WE HAVE A FORTUNE.
WHEN THERE IS DISCORD, WE WIN. ALL WE DO IS SELL THEM THE WEAPONS THEY NEED...

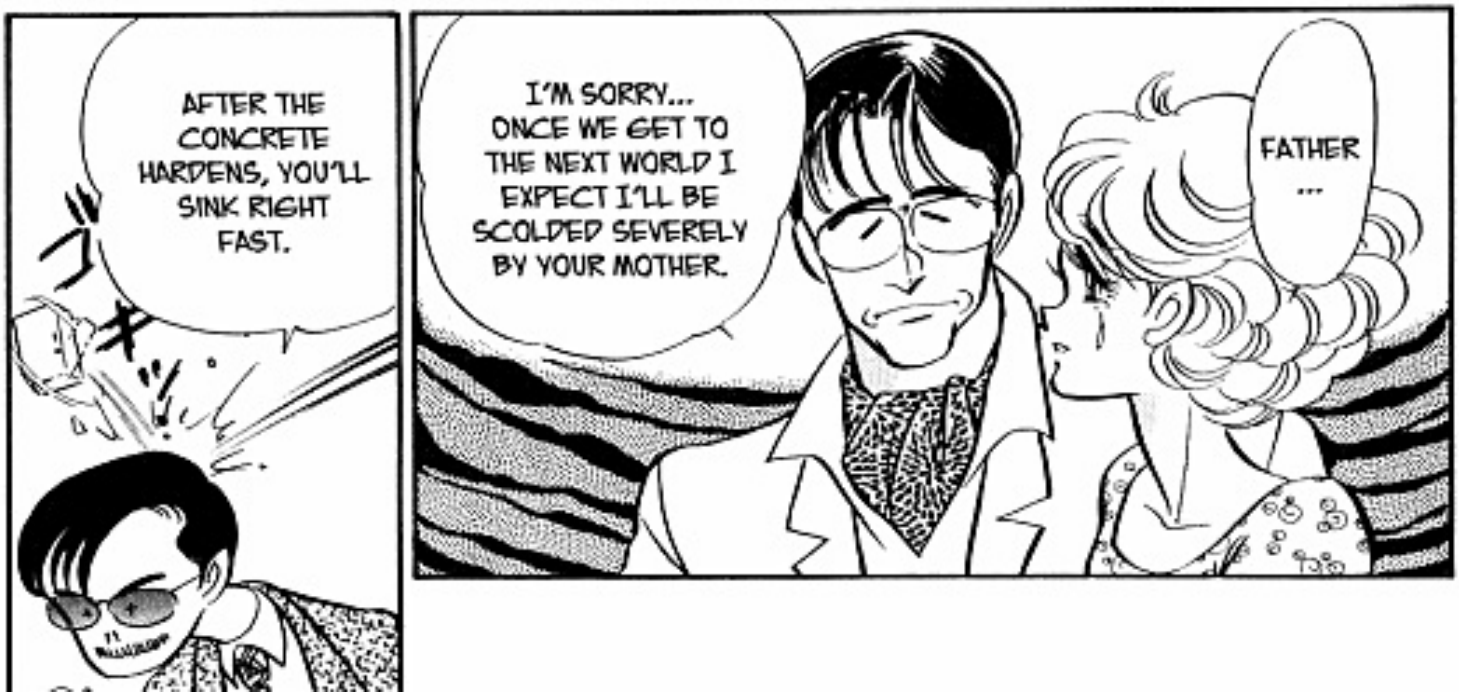
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO TALK ABOUT JUSTICE.
YOU YOURSELF SENT A LARGE NUMBER OF MISSILES TO THE MIDDLE EAST DURING THE GULF WAR...

HMPH...
IF PEOPLE HAVE MORE WEAPONS THAN THEY NEED, THEY TEND TO USE THEM FOR STUPID THINGS.
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO PUT CONTROLS IN PLACE.
IF I MAY SAY SO,
OF COURSE I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT JUSTICE.
OUR ORGANIZATION SOLD ONLY DEFENSIVE MISSILES... NOT OFFENSIVE MISSILES..
DIDN'T I JUST SAY WE WOULD JOIN UP TO CREATE A CONTROL SYSTEM!?
WE WANT TO CURTAIL IT.
YOU WANT TO SPREAD WAR.
YOUR DEFINITION OF CONTROL IS DIFFERENT.

IT'S AN UNAVOIDABLE PHENOMENON THAT HAPPENS WHEN HUMANITY REACHES THE LIMITS OF ITS INTELLIGENCE.
WAR IS THE SAME...
THEY ARE FOR PERSONAL SECURITY... FAMILY SECURITY... THE SECURITY OF THE CITIZENRY...
WE DO NOT CONSIDER WEAPONS TO BE SOMETHING PEOPLE USE TO DISMEMBER THEIR DAILY LIVES.
THE CHALLENGE IS TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE.
MOST CATASTROPHES HAVE HUMANITY AS THEIR ROOT CAUSE.
LISTEN
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO A LECTURE IN PHILOSOPHY.
SEÑOR SALVATORE
BUT IF YOU SAY NO...WELL, YOU KNOW THE DRILL.
THIS IS NOT A GANGSTER MOVIE. I REALLY DON'T LIKE TO SAY THIS.
ARE YOU GOING TO COOPERATE WITH US... OR NOT...


NO
FINE!! NO DEAL!!
pissed... really pissed...
IF WE TOSS THE BIGGEST ARMS DEALER IN BARCELONA... NO, IN SPAIN...INTO THE HARBOR ALONG WITH HIS DAUGHTER,
IT'LL WILL BE A WARNING TO THE OTHER GANGS.
WE'LL NEED TO PUT SOME PLANS IN PLACE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH OUR BASE.
WE'RE FINISHED.

EVEN IF YOU KILL ME AND MY DAUGHTER, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DOMINATE BARCELONA.
THERE IS A WIND BLOWING THAT WILL PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF CATALUNYA.


AFTER THE CONCRETE HARDENS, YOU'LL SINK RIGHT FAST.
I'M SORRY... ONCE WE GET TO THE NEXT WORLD I EXPECT I'LL BE SCOLDED SEVERELY BY YOUR MOTHER.
FATHER ...

What if you had killed me?
Tossing a rock like that is dangerous...
HUH!!
THERE IS STILL MUCH YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME.
I WON'T LIKE IT IF THEY SINK.
YOU...
MS. MARIE

RETURN FIRE!

NUMBERS ONE AND TWO STORM THE RIGHT FLANK!
NUMBERS THREE AND FOUR TAKE THE FRONT!! LET'S GO!

UW
AHH
!!
WAH!!
GYA
HH!!

THAT GIRL!! BITTMAN SCREWED UP...
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SOME OF YOUR FAMOUS SANGRIA
WE'LL TALK LATER.
YOU!
RIGHT!
PEDRO!! TAKE THESE TWO SOME-WHERE SAFE!!
Hi-POWER
Keep DANGER
NEXT... THIS
THE TELEPHONE!! THEY MUST HAVE CUT THE LINE.
Why does this happen to me? Did I do something wrong?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? CALL FOR HELP!! NOW!!

AH!!
THEY CUT THE POWER...
!
MARIE, WE'RE CLEAR... GET OUT OF THERE.
NUMBERS ONE AND TWO RE-TREAT.
DON SALVATORE AND MARIA ARE SAFELY AWAY...

I'M... BUSY AT THE MOMENT!!
MARIE
TOHA!!

DAMN...THE BITCH HAS NOCTOVI-SION.
GASP!!
!!
I GUESS YOUR CONDENSER IS BURNED OUT NOW!! IT'S OVER!!

THIS IS NOT... NOCTO-VISION...
N-NO WAY... THAT WAS A STROBE FLASH...

IF YOU PEOPLE DIDN'T SELL CONFLICT, I'D BE A REGULAR GIRL.
WHO... ARE YOU...
YOU'RE NO... REGU- LAR GIRL...
THIS MASK SENDS OUT ULTRASONIC WAVES TO CREATE AN IMAGE ON THE MONITOR.
LIKE THE SONAR ON A SUBMA- RINE...

"WIND" IS WHAT WE CALL THE CATALUNYA RESISTANCE.
TYRANNY, PERSECUTION, DOMINATION, OR AGGRESSION
THE RESISTANCE EXISTS TO PROTECT OUR TERRITORY AND WAY OF LIFE. THEY SAY THAT IN ITS HEYDAY IT HAD MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS.
THE BIGGEST TERROR ORGANIZATION IN THE WORD...HUH.
.....
THESE DAYS... WE AREN'T A TENTH OF THAT SIZE. BUT WHEN CRISIS COMES TO SPAIN, THE PEOPLE ALWAYS RISE UP AND CALL ON THE "WIND."

JOSE... ALSO HAD THE SAME JOB...
YOUR JOB IS TO CHECK OUT ALL THE ARRIVING FOREIGNERS WHILE YOU WORK AS A TOUR GUIDE.
SO... MARIA
I MAY BE TOO OLD TO SAY IT...
THE WIND THIS TIME CAME IN THE FORM OF A BEAUTIFUL RED ROSE, WISE AND INCREDIBLY STRONG.
BUT I THINK I MAY BE FALLING IN LOVE WITH THAT ROSE.

[File9：風の恋歌(マドリガル)(3)　おわり]

File:10 Kowloon Express

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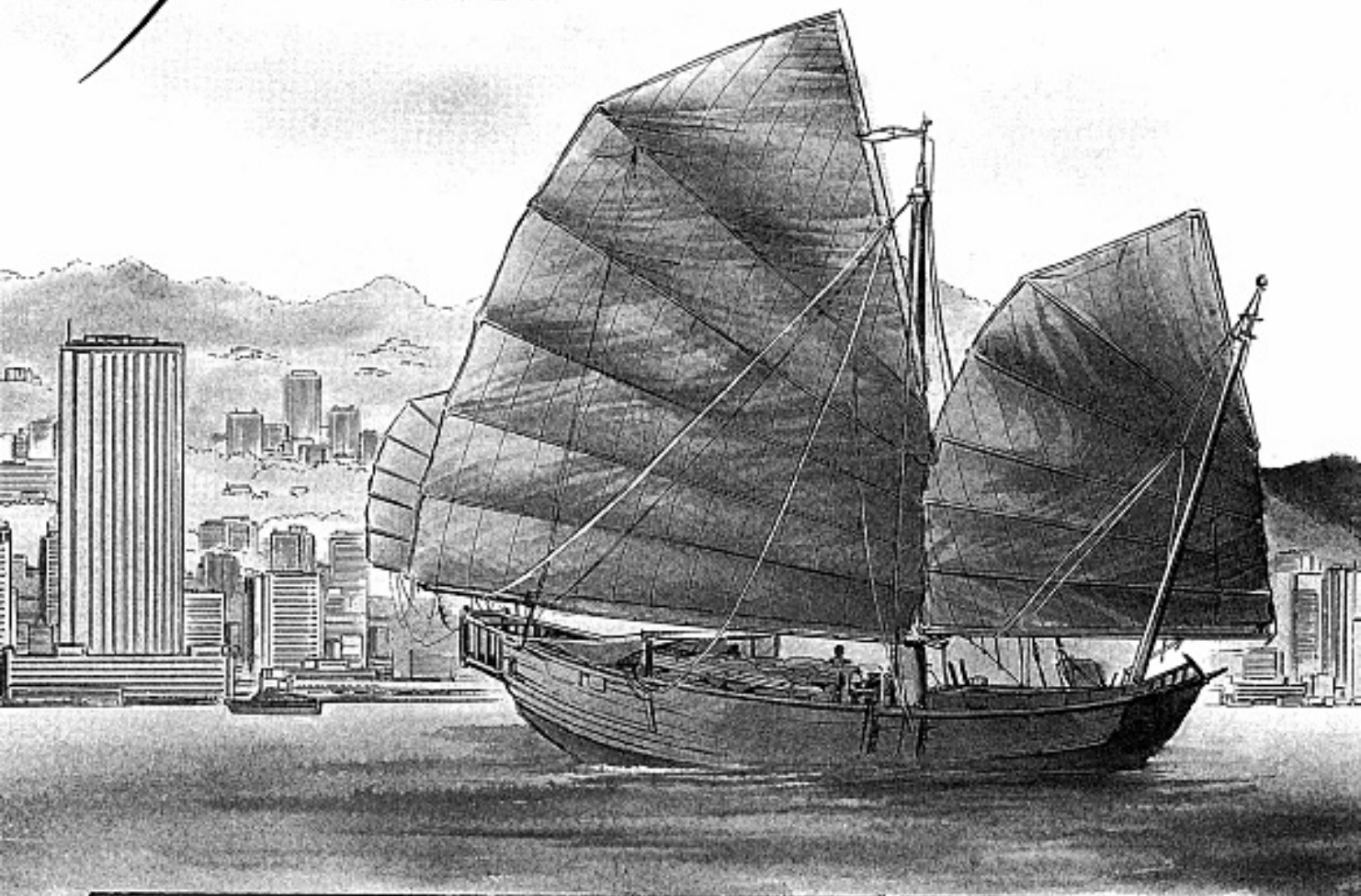
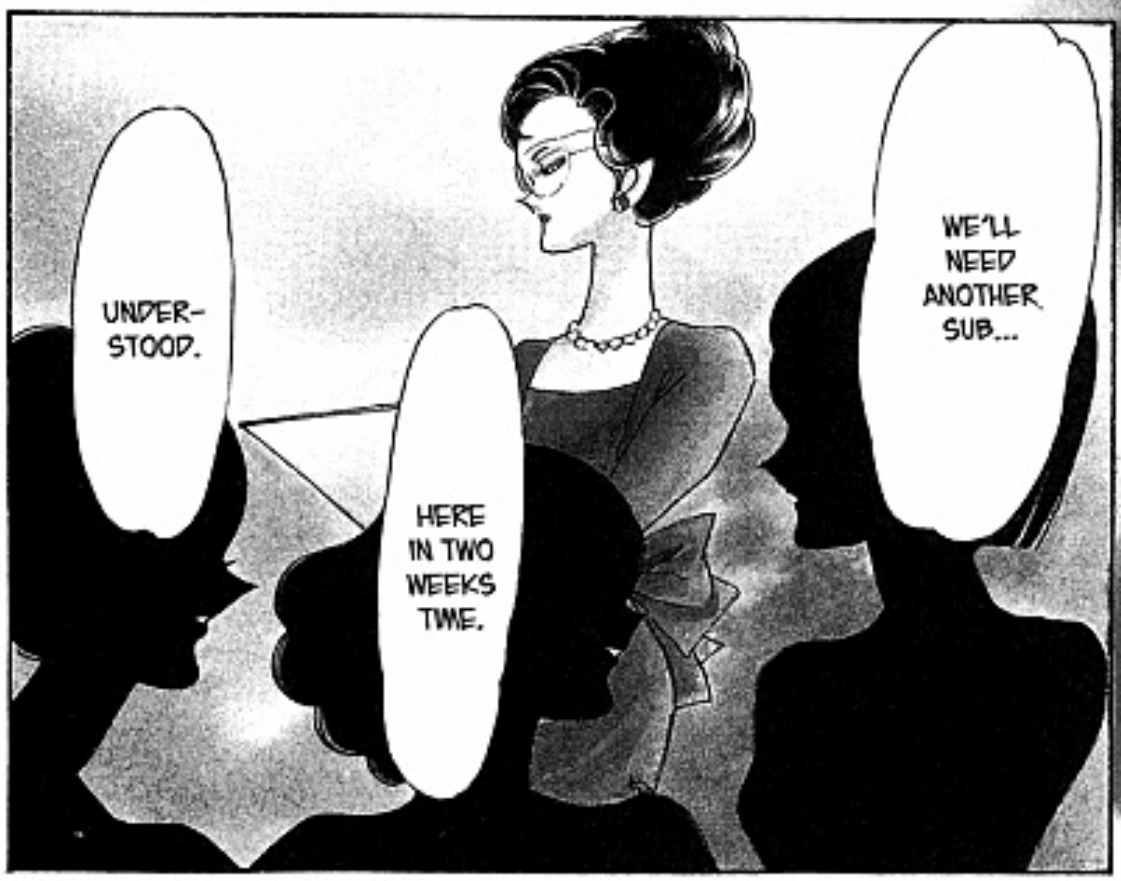


File 10: Kowloon Express (1)

REGGIE

I NEED TO CANCEL HIS THREE O'CLOCK MEETING DUE TO THE STATE OF THE MARKET.

PLEASE ADJUST THE CALENDAR.



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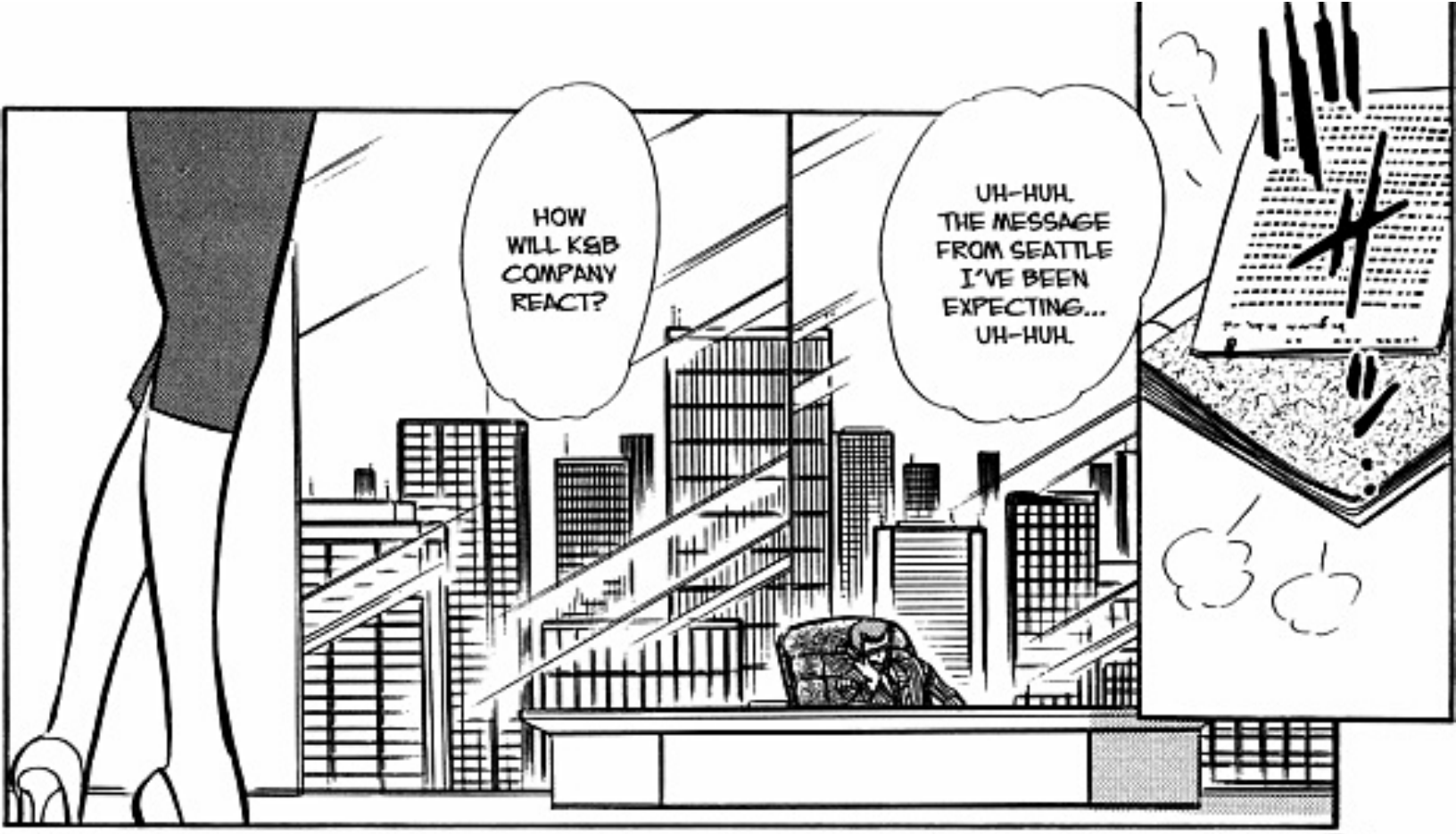
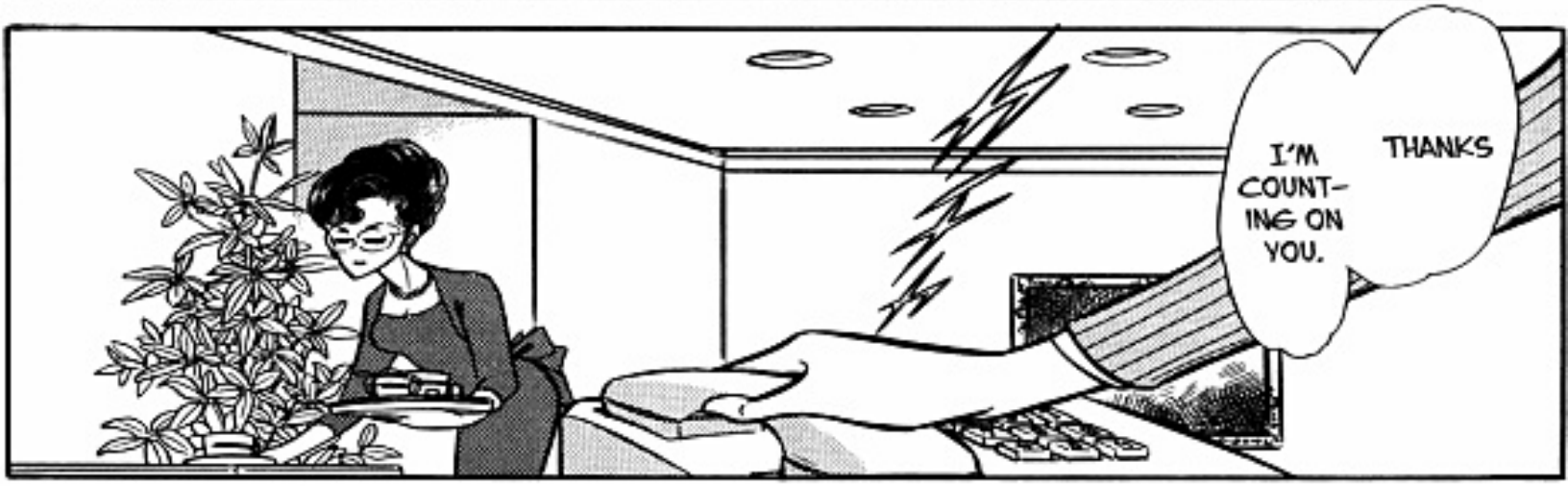
GET ME ANOTHER APPOINTMENT WITH THE SALES MANAGER AT B&K COMPANY.

HERE IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.
UNDER-STOOD.


HOW WILL K&B COMPANY REACT?
UH-HUH. THE MESSAGE FROM SEATTLE I'VE BEEN EXPECTING... UH-HUH.


I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
THANKS

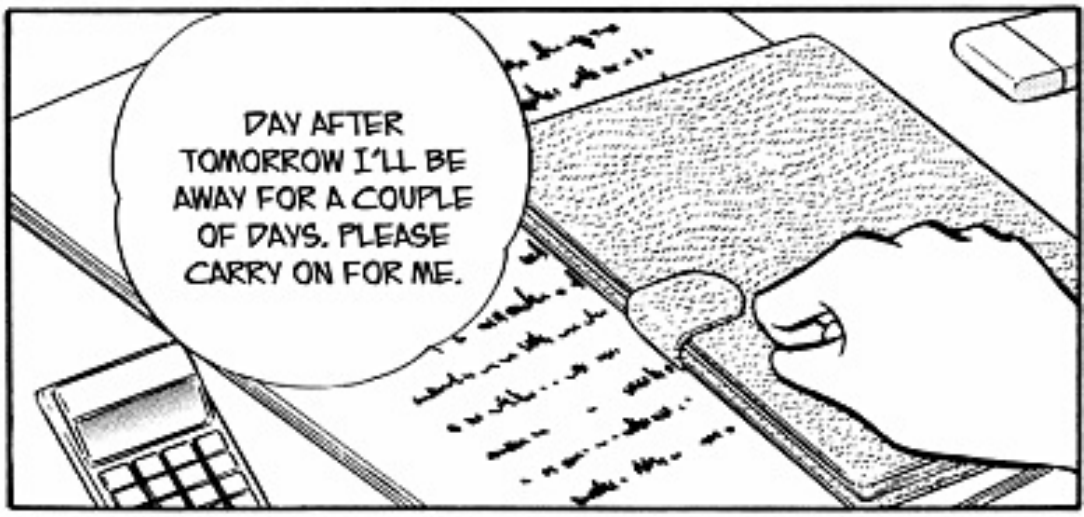
AND YOU HAVE A COMPANY DINNER AT DA CHENG RESTAURANT AT SIX.
AT TWO O'CLOCK YOUR REGULAR MEETING. AT FOUR YOU HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE OWNER OF RUBY CORPORATION TO DISCUSS THREE PROPERTIES.

WHAT'S ON MY SCHEDULE THIS AFTERNOON?

HMM...FINE. I'M QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE SKILL YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED IN THE MONTH YOU HAVE BEEN HERE. EVERYTHING IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, MISS ROSEBANK.

IT'S AN HONOR TO SERVE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

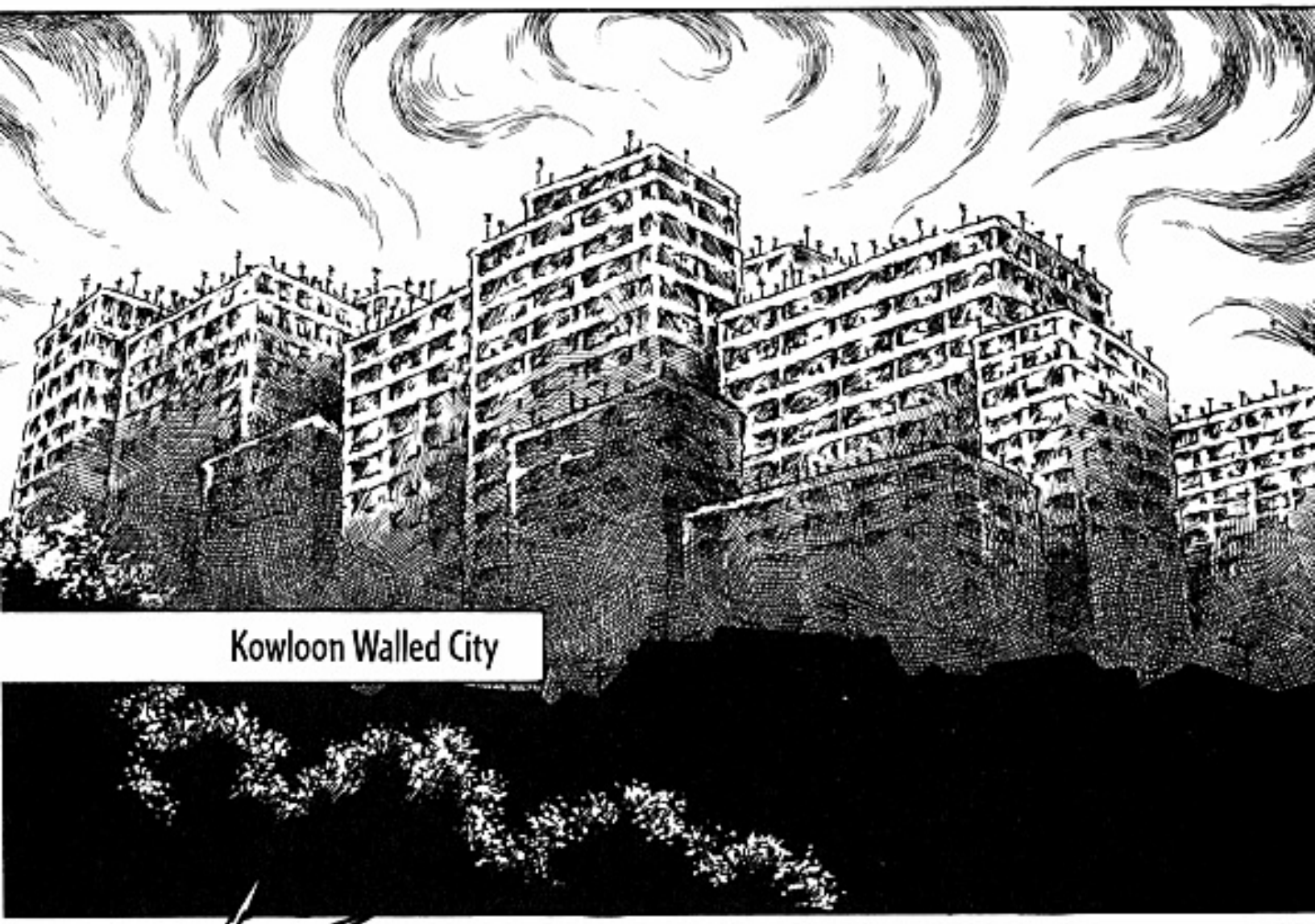
EXCUSE ME
SURE...


DAY AFTER TOMORROW I'LL BE AWAY FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. PLEASE CARRY ON FOR ME.

UNDER-STOOD.

AT EIGHT SEND A CAR AROUND TO DA CHENG RESTAURANT. IF HE IS STILL WITH CLIENTS, LET THINGS TAKE THEIR COURSE...
IT'S A BIG JOB, ISN'T IT.
GET THE HELP OF THE OTHER SECRE-TARIES.
PREPARE A DOCUMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE FOR TOMORROW.
UNDER-STOOD.
IF HE'S ALONE, TAKE HIM TO HIS MANSION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.
HMM...

MAYBE I'M OVER-THINK-ING THIS...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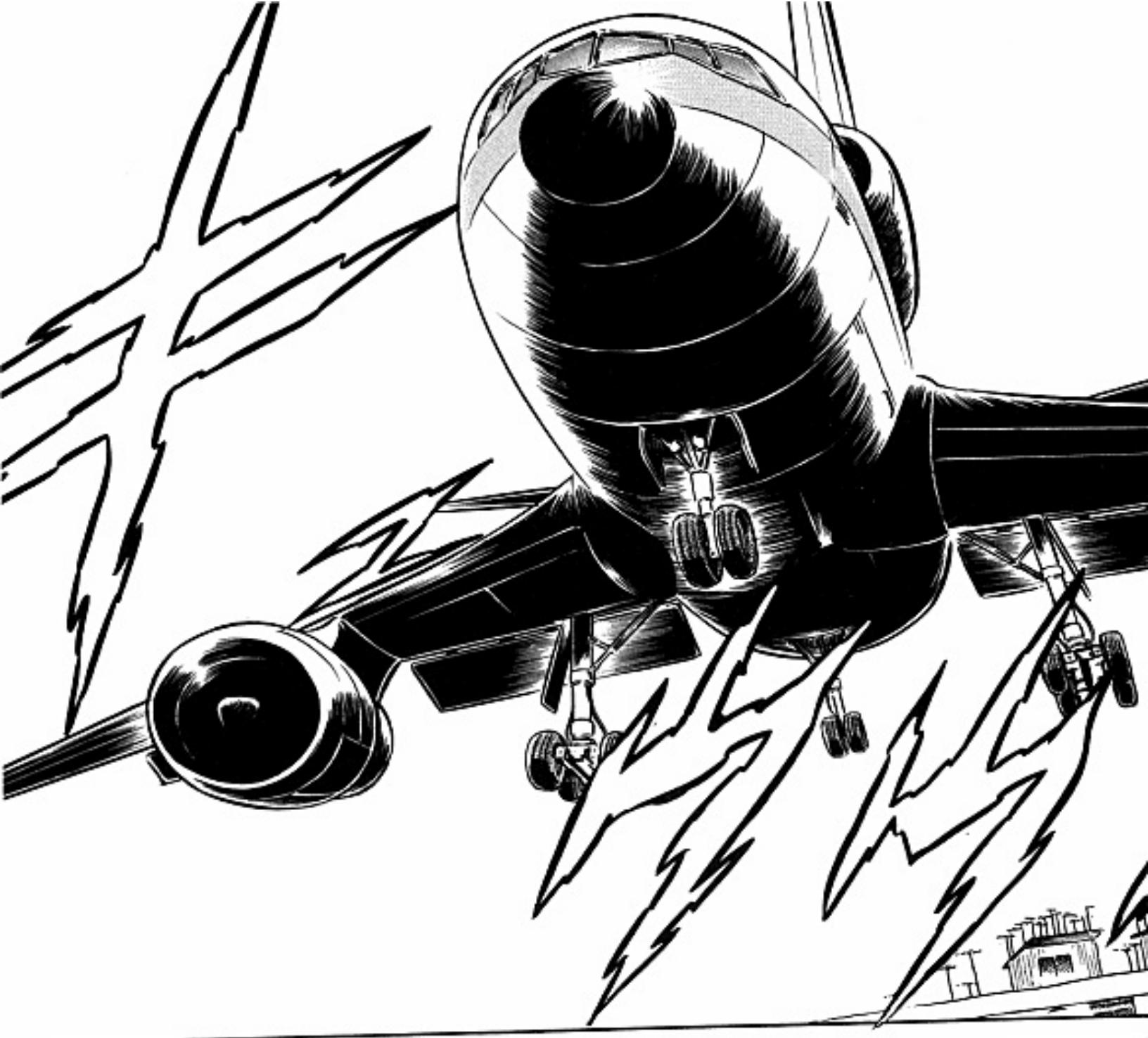
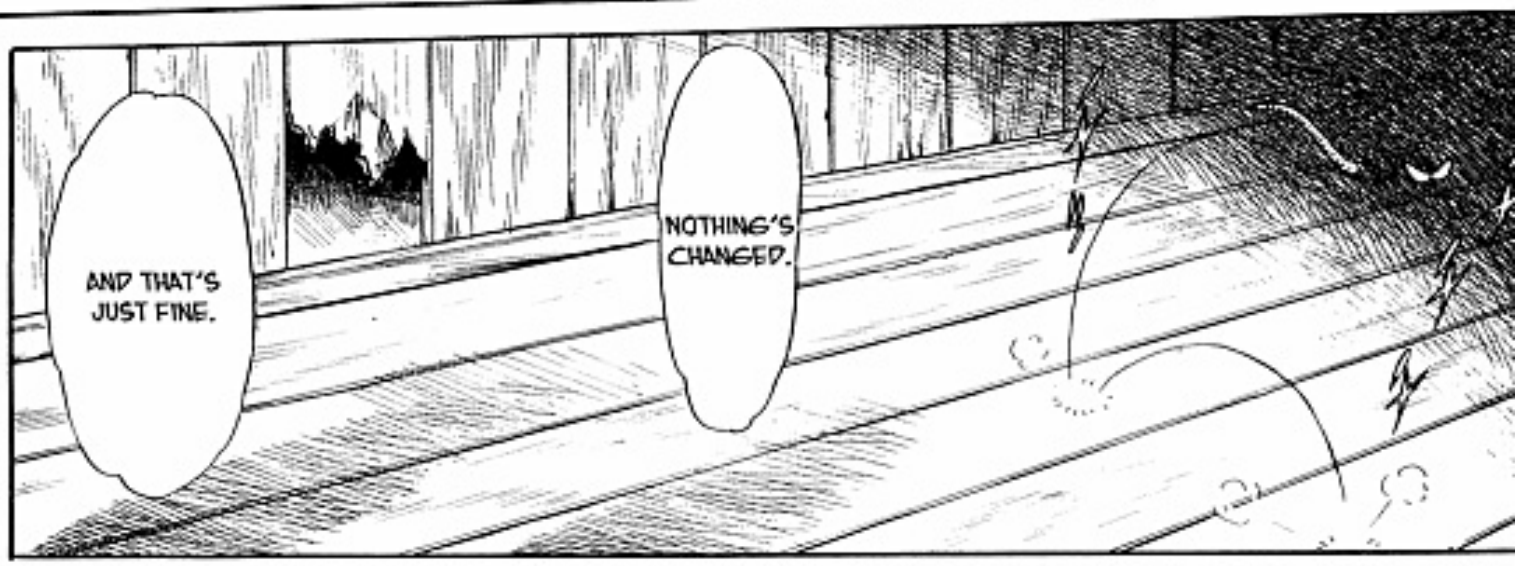



AND THAT'S JUST FINE.
NOTHING'S CHANGED.

A VISITOR?
WE HAVE A VISITOR.
WE'RE COMING IN, GRANNIE!!
OHHH
LIN!!
HELLO, GRANNIE.
YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG...

IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS. YOU LOOK WELL. I'M GLAD.
YOU LOOK BETTER THAN EVER.
AND...YOU CAME TO SEE ME.
I FIGURED IF ANYONE WOULD KNOW WHERE MISSING CHILDREN WERE,
IT WOULD BE YOU...
MISS-ING?
UH-HUH
.....

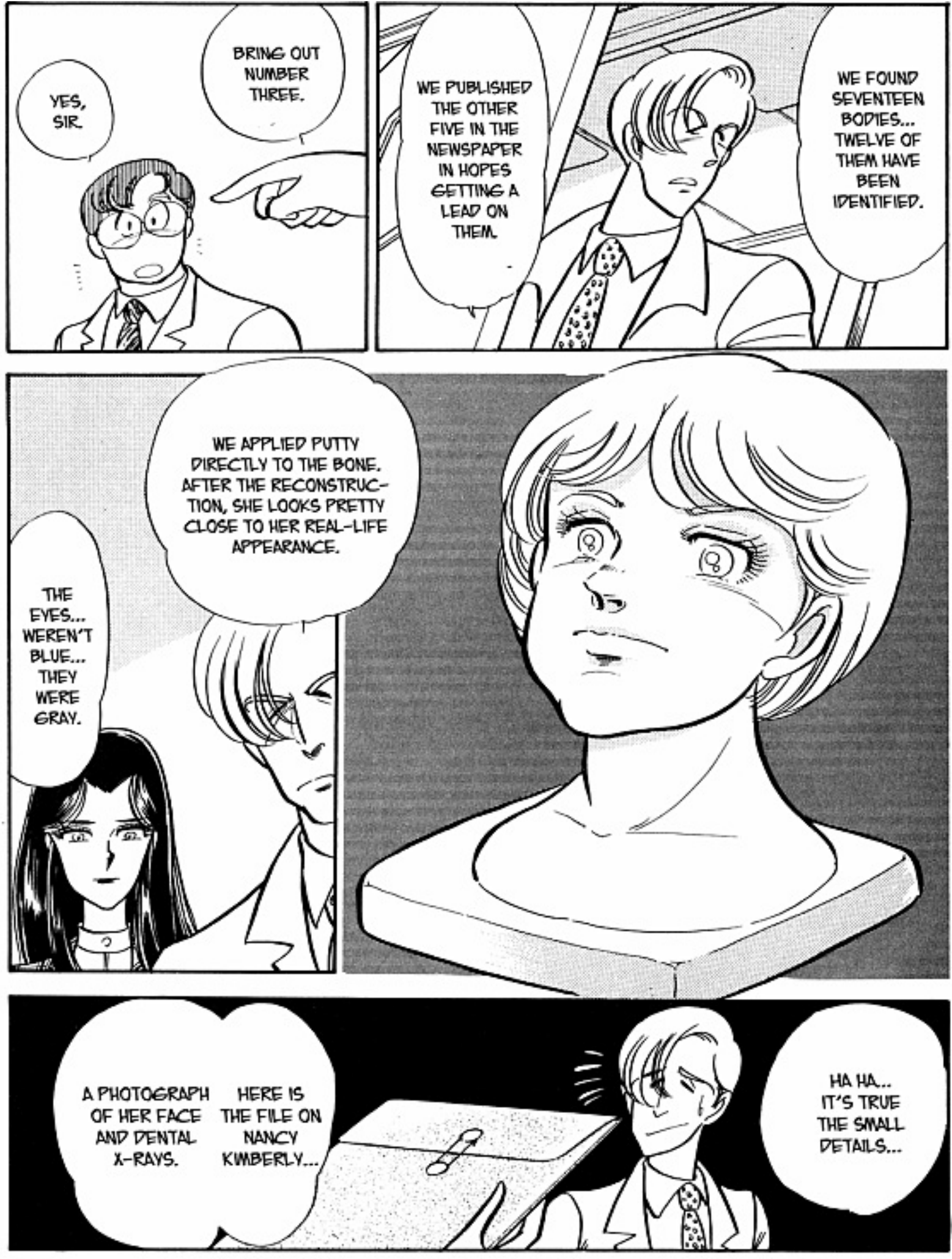
I CAN'T BELIEVE... SURELY YOU HAVEN'T BECOME A COP? LIN!!
WH- WHATEVER!!
YOU DO REMEM- BER.
YOU'VE GOT IT BACK- WARDS, DON'T YOU?
THE RULE I KNEW WAS
.....
YOU KNOW THE RULES!
IF YOU LIE, WE SLIT YOUR THROAT AND GOUGE OUT YOUR YOU- KNOW- WHERE...
FINE, TELL ME ABOUT IT.
YOU GOUGE OUT HER YOU-KNOW-WHERE WHILE SHE'S ALIVE, THEN YOU SLIT HER THROAT.

ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO...
THEY GET PERMISSION FROM THE FAMILIES OF DECEASED PERSONS
OR A PARENT MIGHT GIVE ONE TO A CHILD... THOSE ARE THE MOST COMMON SITUATIONS.
BUT ONE CAN ALSO BUY AN ORGAN.
...THEY'RE VERY EXPENSIVE.
.....
UH-HUH... I'VE HEARD OF IT...
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH ORGAN TRANSPLANTS?
IF AN ORGAN BECOME UNUSABLE DUE TO DAMAGE FROM ILLNESS OR BIRTH DEFECTS, THEY REPLACE IT WITH AN ORGAN FROM ANOTHER PERSON...

YOU KNOW... THE GIRL THAT WAS IN DIVISION J...BEFORE WE WERE IN DIVISION M.
IN THE CANBERRA OPERATION SHE WAS NUMBER ONE IN USELESS.
NANCY?
MARIE
THIS...IS NANCY, ISN'T IT?
WHAT ABOUT HER?
PLUMP!? SHE WAS A FAT PIG.
OH...YOU MEAN NANCY KIMBERLY. UH-HUH...I REMEMBER HER. SHE WAS A BIT PLUMP...
OH...
THESE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS... LOOK.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF THE COMMANDER IS IN THE PAPER...BUT... HER FACE HAS CHANGED...
AH... DELA
WHAT IS IT?
OH...IT'S A FACIAL RECONSTRUCTION
WELL... THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
I REMEMBER HER HAVING... MORE FIERCE-LOOKING EYES. THESE ARE OPEN WIDE.
like this...
YOU THINK YOU KNOW ONE?
AH... UH-HUH
SHE WAS IN OUR OLD DIVISION J.
WOAH
THEY WERE ALMOST SKELETAL, AND THEY COULDN'T BE IDENTIFIED. THE AUTHORITIES PUT CLAY OVER THE BONES TO MAKE FACIAL RECONSTRUCTIONS SO THEY COULD MAKE INQUIRIES ABOUT THE IDENTITIES.
A BUNCH OF DEAD BODIES WERE FOUND AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN BALTIMORE.

CAT? WHAT COMPANY IS THAT?
Umm... no?
?
CAT!!
A cat dealer?
-Baltimore-
Hey. someone help me.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE MAN IN CHARGE.
I SEE.
ONE OF THE FACES RESEMBLES A PAST EMPLOYEE AT OUR FIRM WHO WENT MISSING.
IT'S A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY...
WHEN WE DEMOLISHED THE OLD BUILDINGS,
THE SKELETAL REMAINS WERE FOUND DURING THE BUILDING OF THE NEW TOWN HALL.


BRING OUT NUMBER THREE.
YES, SIR.
WE PUBLISHED THE OTHER FIVE IN THE NEWSPAPER IN HOPES GETTING A LEAD ON THEM.
WE FOUND SEVENTEEN BODIES... TWELVE OF THEM HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.
WE APPLIED PUTTY DIRECTLY TO THE BONE. AFTER THE RECONSTRUCTION, SHE LOOKS PRETTY CLOSE TO HER REAL-LIFE APPEARANCE.
THE EYES... WEREN'T BLUE... THEY WERE GRAY.
HERE IS THE FILE ON NANCY KIMBERLY...
A PHOTOGRAPH OF HER FACE AND DENTAL X-RAYS.
HA HA... IT'S TRUE THE SMALL DETAILS...

AH...WELL, I WOULDN'T EXACTLY SAY THAT.
WAS SHE A FRIEND OF YOURS?
.....
.....
LET ME CHECK OUT THIS X-RAY. EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.
A SERIAL KILLER... MAYBE...
AND...ALL OF THEM YOUNG WOMEN...
IT WASN'T A CEMETERY, BUT SEVENTEEN BODIES...
!
!
ALL OF THEM...WERE MISSING ORGANS.
THE COMMON FACTOR WAS

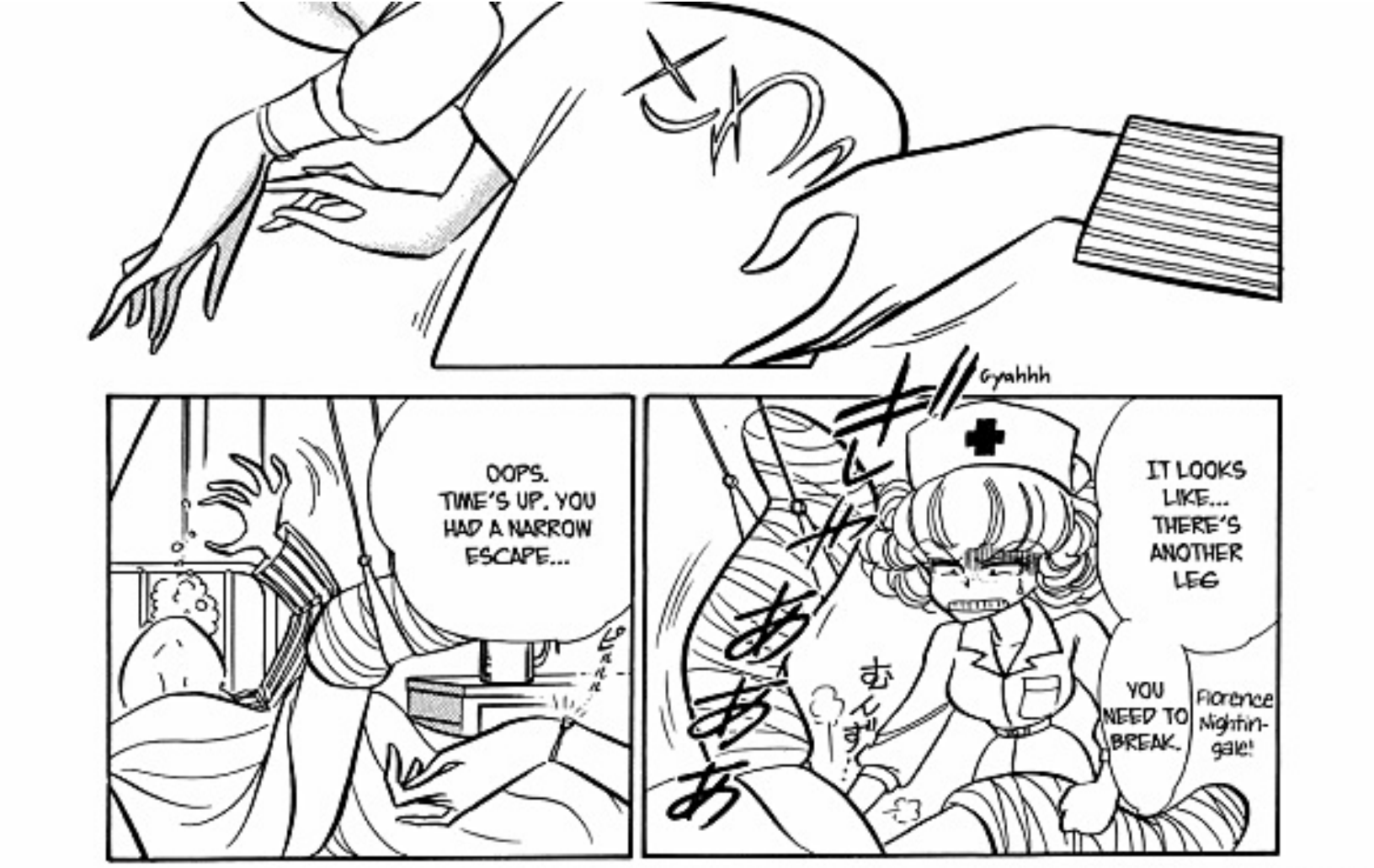
IF THEY'RE NEARLY PETRIFIED, IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE, THOUGH...
THEY LEAVE TRACES IN THE BONES,
IF THE ORGANS ARE THERE,
I HEARD THEY WERE NEARLY ALL JUST SKELETAL REMAINS.
OH... BUT...
UH-HUH... BUT EVEN FROM JUST SKELETAL REMAINS WE CAN TELL.
THESE REMNANT MATERIALS ADHERE TO THE BONES AND REMAIN.
EVEN AFTER THE ORGANS VANISH DUE TO DECOM-POSITION,
MATERIAL ACCUMULATES ON THE BONES
PHOSPHORUS, CALCIUM, ACIDS
IT'S AS IF THE ORGANS WERE ENTIRELY REMOVED... EVEN THE EYEBALLS...
NO SUCH TRACES EXIST.
ON THESE SEVENTEEN BODIES THAT WERE DIS-COVERED,
THE EYES TOO ...!?

YES... INDEED IT WAS NANCY KIMBERLY... YES.
THE MAN AT THE POLICE HOSPITAL WILL SEND A FULL REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS...
HUH?
UH-HUH... WE'RE HEADED BACK TO D.C....
YES... HELGA IS WITH ME.
YES... BUT
NO!
WHAT IS IT?
HE SAYS NOT TO GO BACK TO D.C. BUT INSTEAD TO GO TO CISCO.
THE COLONEL CAN BE PUSHY...
TO SAN FRANCISCO? NOW?

YES!! HE SAID WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
ARE YOU SURE, MARIE?
ブロロオ
GET ME TWO TICKETS ON FIRST CLASS ON THE NEXT TWA FLIGHT TO CISCO...
RESERVATION CENTER, PLEASE.
LEAVING... TOMOR-ROW!!
!!
HONG KONG...?
I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND, MARIE.
THERE'S NO OTHER TEAM I CAN ASK.
SORRY TO SPRING THIS ON YOU SO SUDDENLY.
...GU...!!
I WANT FIRST CLASS TICKETS FOR THE ENTIRE TEAM.
FINE. WE LEAVE TOMORROW.

WE'VE GOTTEN USED TO THE WATER.
WELL... WE'VE BEEN IN HONG KONG FOR A MONTH.
It's a pain washing silk bras by hand.
IF CAT GIVES US THE SACK, WE CAN BE SECRETARIES NOW.
THE LAST TIME WE HAD TO DO THIS MUCH INVESTIGATION...WAS THE OPERATION IN ITALY I BELIEVE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
say, did you wash my panties too?
Of course!!

Lin.
Open up!!
WHO IS IT?
HEY...I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME OVER HERE.
EH HEH HEH. BUT...WE'RE LEAVING NOW, AREN'T WE.
I'll help you hang them
UH-HUH. WE'VE HAD REPORTS FROM DELA AND IRENE, TOO.
EVERYONE... HAS BEEN DOING DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORK THIS MONTH...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OOPS. TIME'S UP. YOU HAD A NARROW ESCAPE...
IT LOOKS LIKE... THERE'S ANOTHER LEG
YOU NEED TO BREAK.
Florence Nightin-gale!
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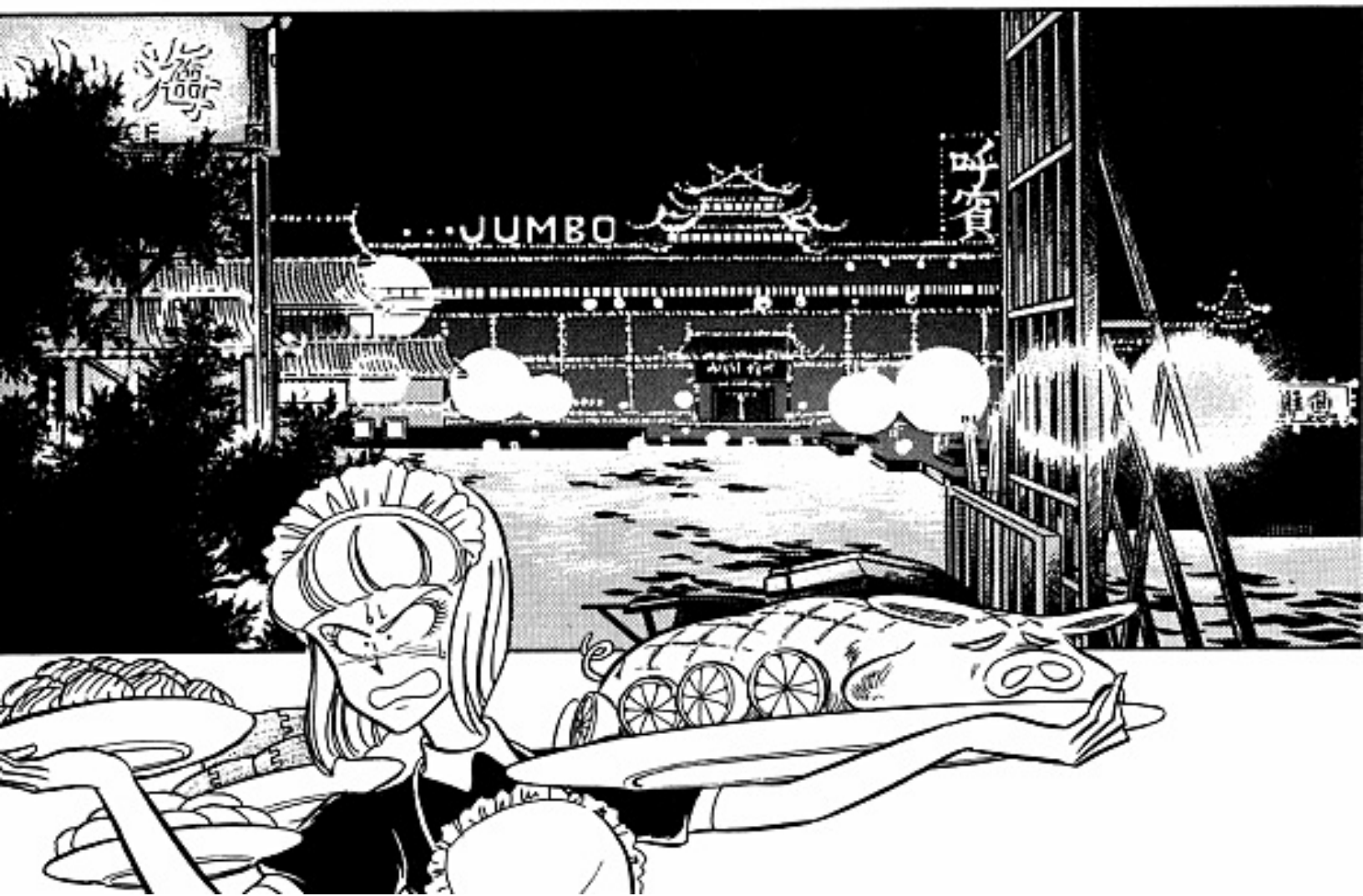
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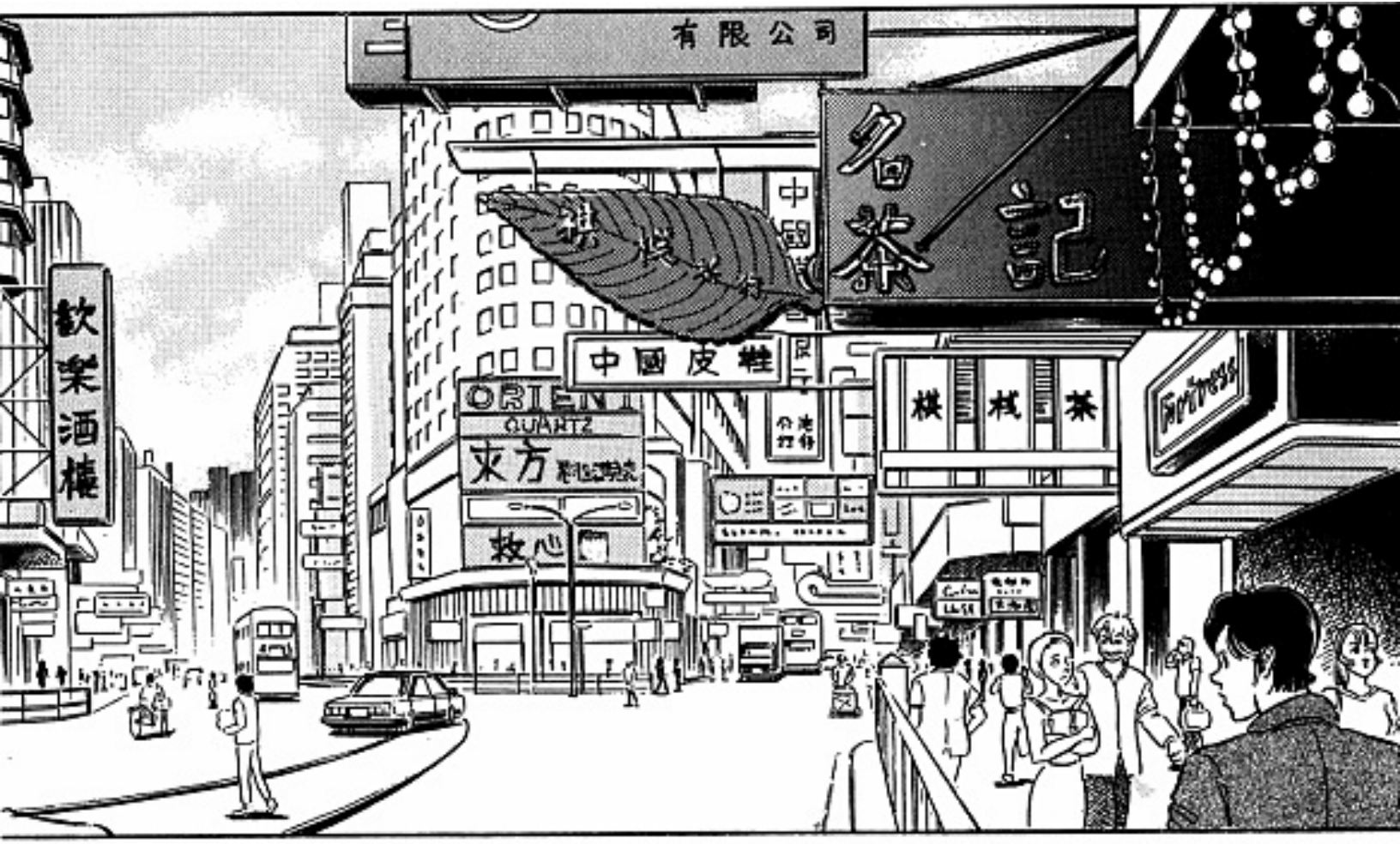
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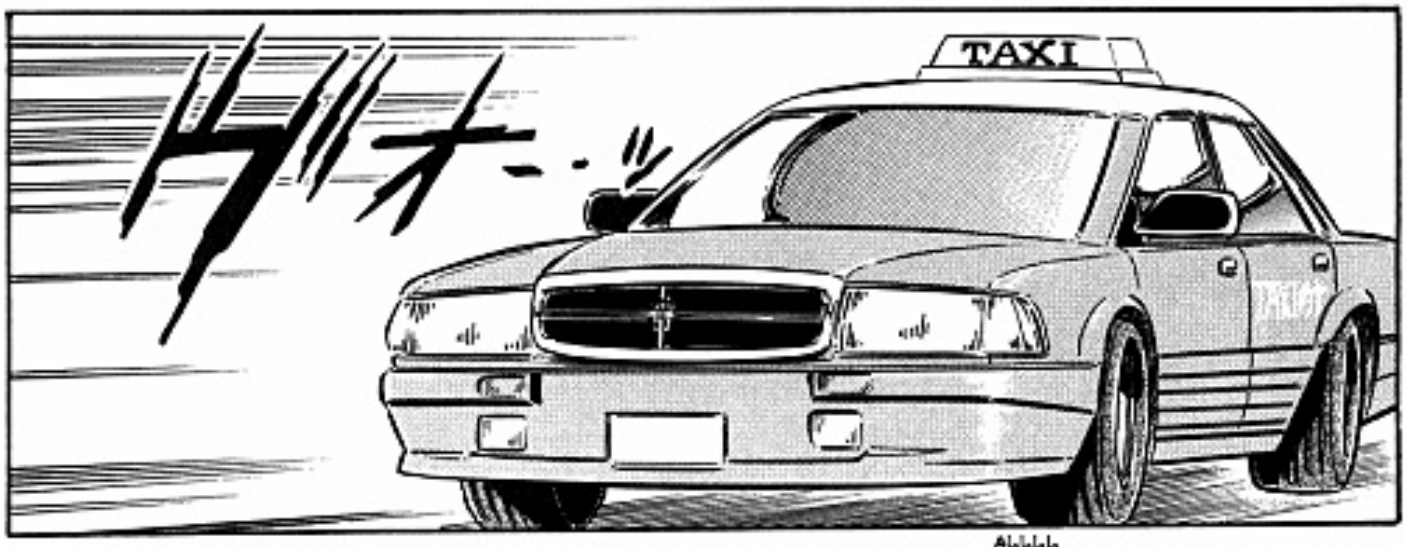
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KEEP DRIVING UNTIL I GIVE THE OK.
Ahhh!

Ahhhh
Ahhhee_

A MILLION DOLLAR NIGHT VIEW.
IT'S JUST FINE...ALL THE FILTH IS HIDDEN UNDER NEON GLITTER.
BUT...EVEN IF IT IS HIDDEN, THE FILTH IS THERE FOR SURE.

GRANNIE... LIN...
カタ カタ
DON'T WORRY...IT WILL BE OKAY.
SHE'S NOT LYING...
BUT... THAT ISLAND...
I HAVE BEEN THINKING... SOMEONE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ANYWAY.
THIS MAY BE THE TIME.
CO-OPERATE WITH HER.
BELONGS TO...WANG DA REN.
UNDERSTOOD.

ピッ…ピッ…ピッ…
THIS IS BAI KOW-LOON.
EXECUTE THE PLAN!!
ピ…
OUR OBJECTIVE IS SAN-LUNG ISLAND

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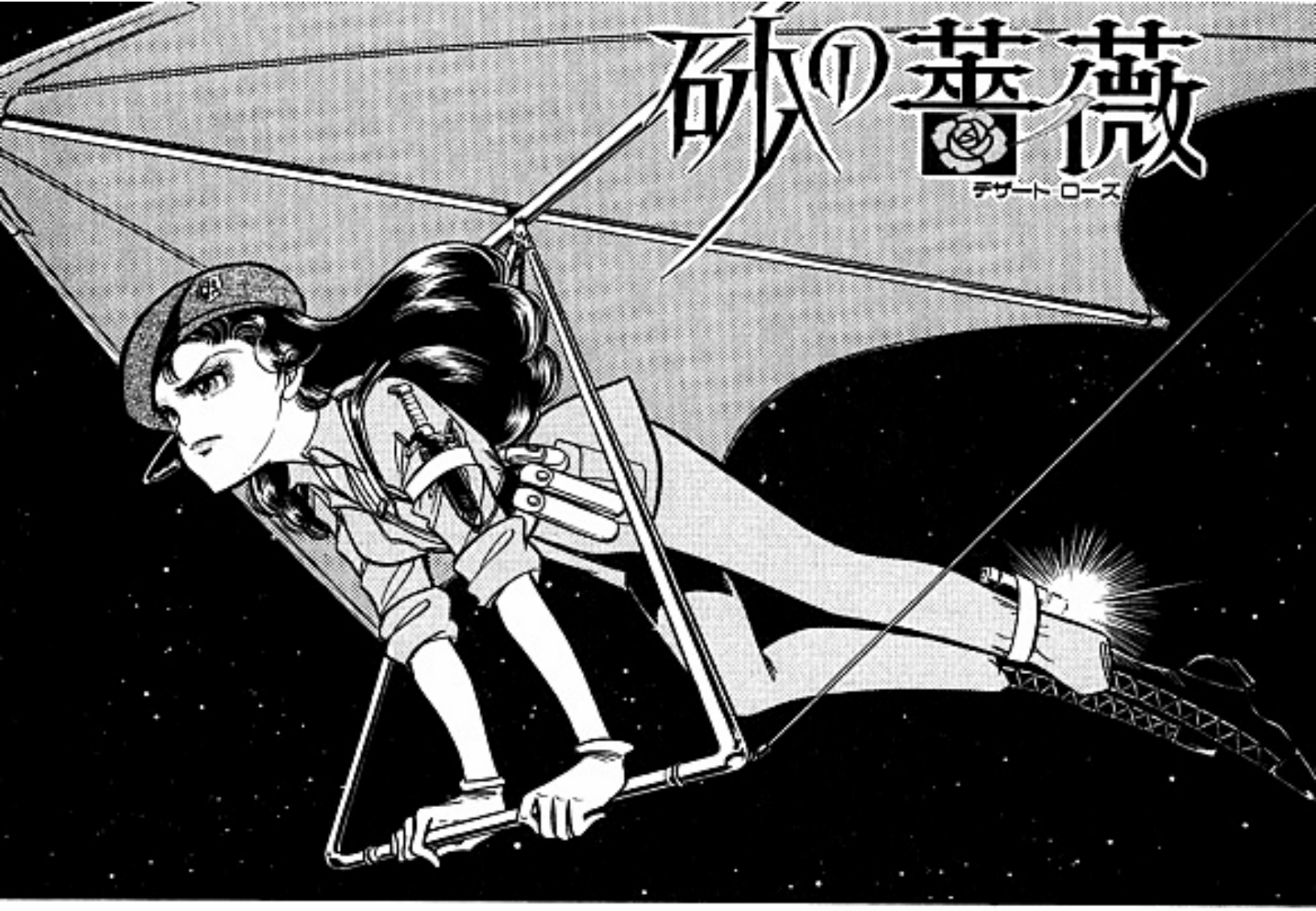
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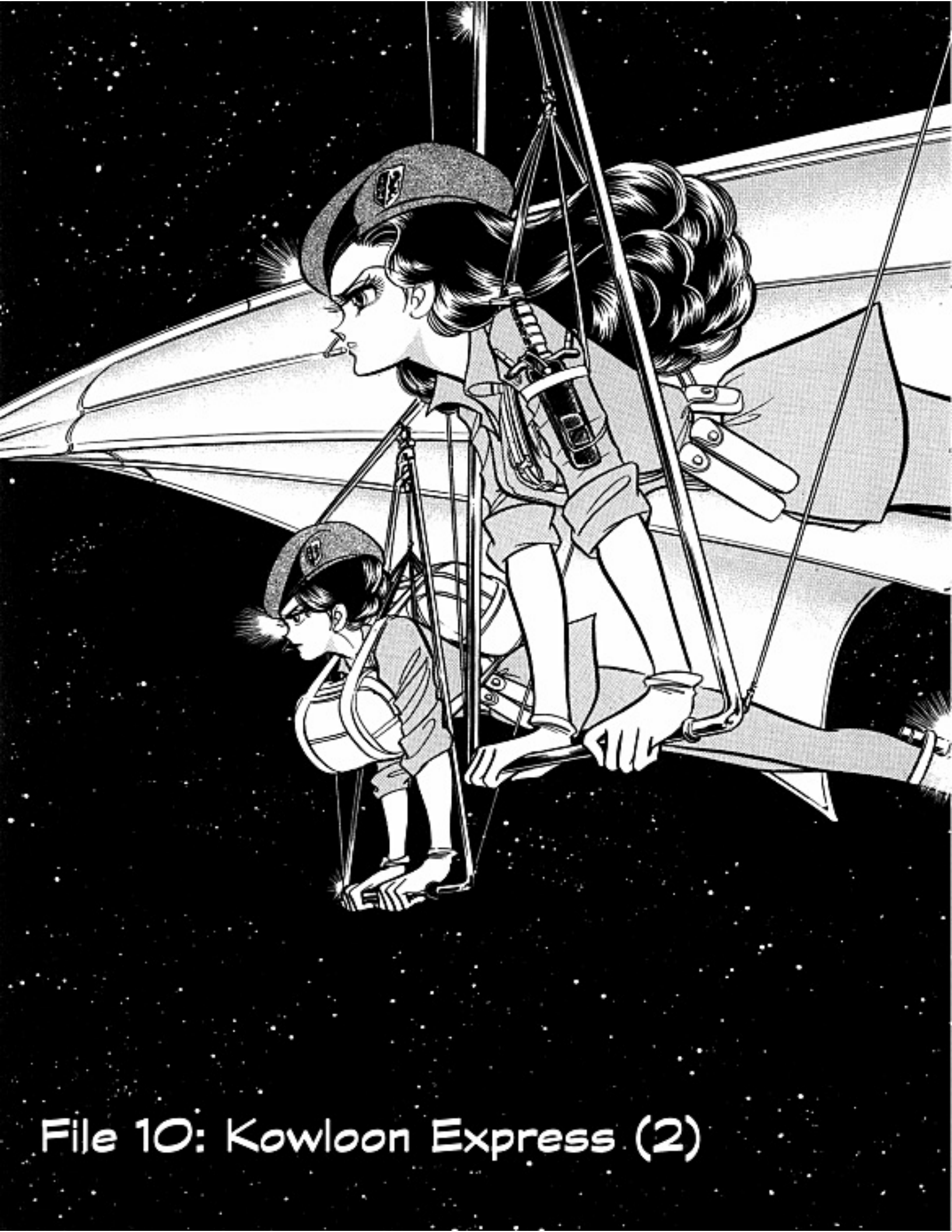
WE'RE SAFELY AWAY!!
THIS IS KING II
BRAVO!! BRAVO!!



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Receiving!! We're catching some static, but it's not a problem.
THIS IS BRAVO!! CAN YOU HEAR ME, KING II?

MARIE
I KNOW YOU'RE GOING ALL OUT.
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON YOU.

INCREASE GROUND SPEED TO EIGHTEEN KNOTS.
MAINTAIN CURRENT ALTITUDE.

NOTICE TO ALL DIVISION PLATOON COMMANDERS!!
GOOD LUCK, MARIE!!
SS
81

You've cleared Q Point.
Let's pray for success.
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I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING THIS FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FINGERS ON BOTH HANDS TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF CAT MEMBERS WE'VE LOST DURING THAT TIME.
COMMAN-DER...
IF I'D ONLY BEEN TEN YEARS YOUNGER, I COULD HAVE BEEN PART OF THE FLYING ATTACK FORCE...
THE KOWLOON EXPRESS HAS LEFT THE STA-TION!!
THAT A GANG WOULD TRADE IN HUMAN ORGANS...
AT FIRST I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.
AND SELL ALL THE PARTS...
BUT TO CUT UP A LIVING HUMAN
I CAN UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR ORGANS IN GENU-INE MEDICAL RESEARCH OR TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A RELATIVE.

KILL A GIRL I PAID GOOD MONEY FOR AND THEN SELL THE PARTS?
THAT'S JUST GOOD SENSE.
I'D MAKE MORE MONEY DRESSING HER UP AND SELLING HER WHILE SHE'S ALIVE.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING. BETTER THAN KILLING HER.
WELL... TRUE...
YOU'VE OFTEN SAID THAT, GRANNIE.
BUT...IF SHE GETS PREGNANT THAT HURTS HER LOOKS...

IF SHE'S HEALTHY, SHE'S ACCEPTABLE...
ANYWAY, ONCE SHE'S REDUCED TO INTERNAL ORGANS, HER EXTERNAL LOOKS DON'T MATTER.
WANG DOES TO HIS GIRLS?
THAT'S WHAT...
THEY COME FROM ALL OVER AND ARE DISASSEMBLED INTO PARTS AND SOLD...
MALES, TOO...
NOT JUST GIRLS.
LIN!!
.....
I'M SORRY... LEE HUA...TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING SO AWFUL WHEN IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER...

Lin!! Your altitude is dropping!!
SINCE YOU LEFT HONG KONG... EXACTLY WHAT...HAVE YOU...
King II, this is Bravo!!
Starting count-down.
5
ARE WE THERE?
THIS IS KING II!!
BRAVO!!
PAY ATTENTION! YOU CAN'T LET YOUR MIND WANDER...
SORRY!!
1
2
3
4

ho
ho
ho
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!!

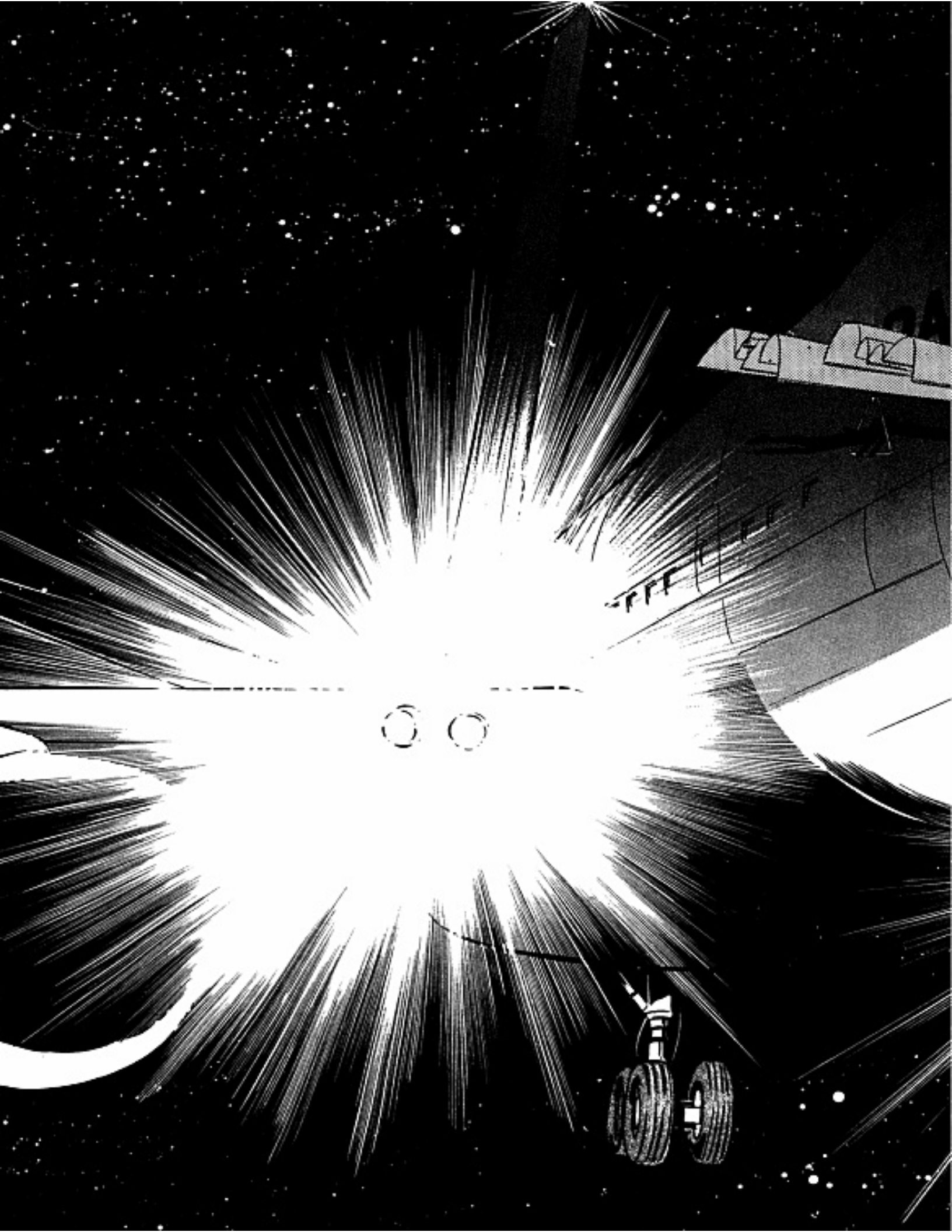
AMAZING!!
THE BUILDING LIGHTS...

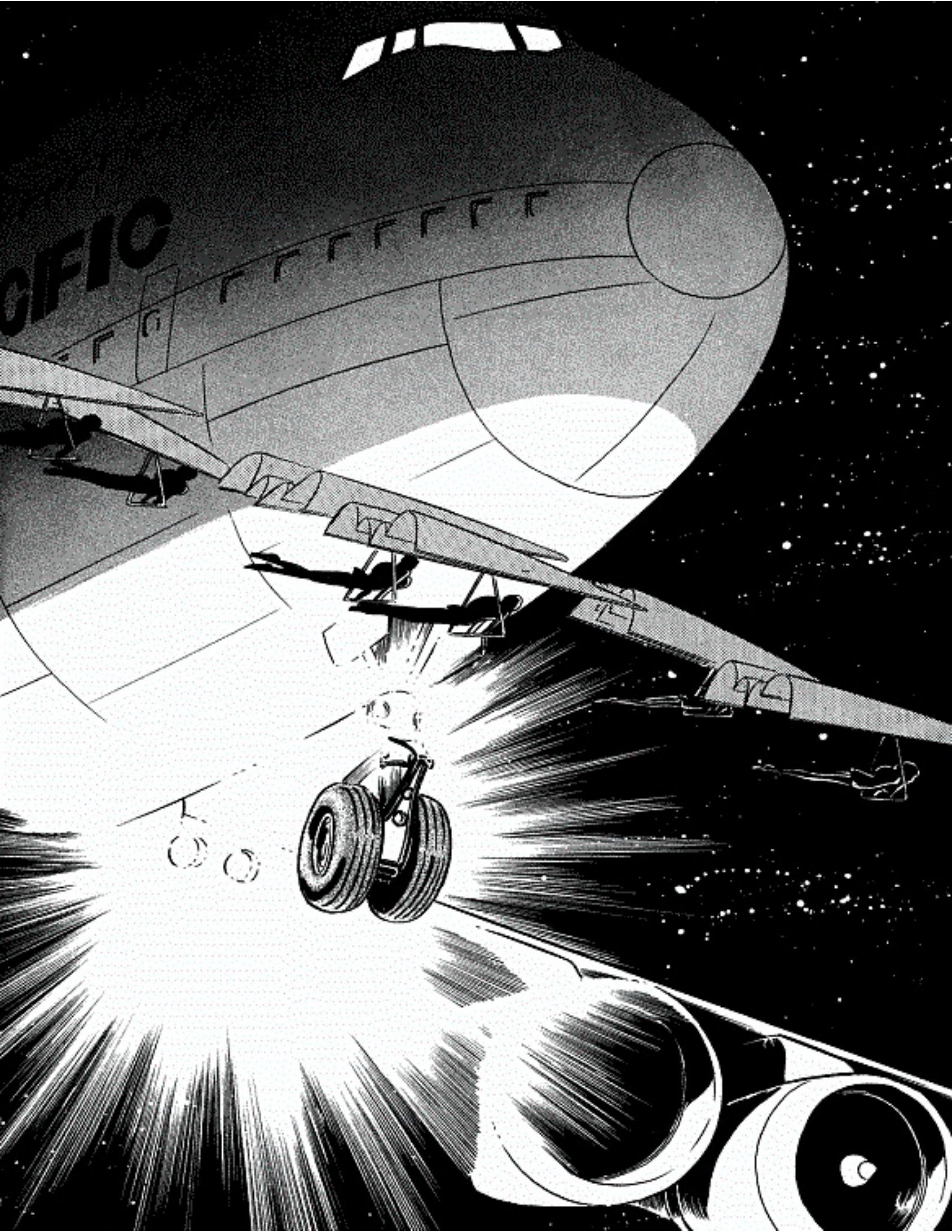
WAY TO GO LIN!!
A DESCENT SIGNAL FROM THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY.
GRANNIE!!

COMMANDER WELLS!! AN AIRPLANE IS IN THEIR PATH!!
CP 151
MARIE'S PLATOON IS BEGINNING THEIR ATTACK FROM THE AIR!!
NOTICE TO ALL FORCES AT SEA!!
THE SIGNAL WILL ONLY LAST TWO MINUTES!!
FANTAS-TIC!!
THE'VE GOT THE LASER SIGNAL FROM KOWLOON WALLED CITY.
THEIR COURSES WILL COINCIDE IN SEVENTY-TWO SECONDS.
STILL!! IT'S ON THE RADAR.
THERE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ANY LANDINGS AT THIS HOUR!!
WHAT!?
A PACIFIC FLIGHT THAT JUST TOOK OFF IS HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE AND HAD TO TURN BACK!!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY LANDING!!
COM-MANDER WELLS!!

MARIE!! AHEAD ON THE LEFT!!
!!
A plane making an emergency landing is crossing your course!!
This is Bravo calling King II!!

MAINTAIN COURSE!!
WE'RE CUTTING THROUGH!!
MARIE!!
COM-MAN-DER!!
CALL OFF THE MISSION!!
DE-SCEND AT ONCE!!

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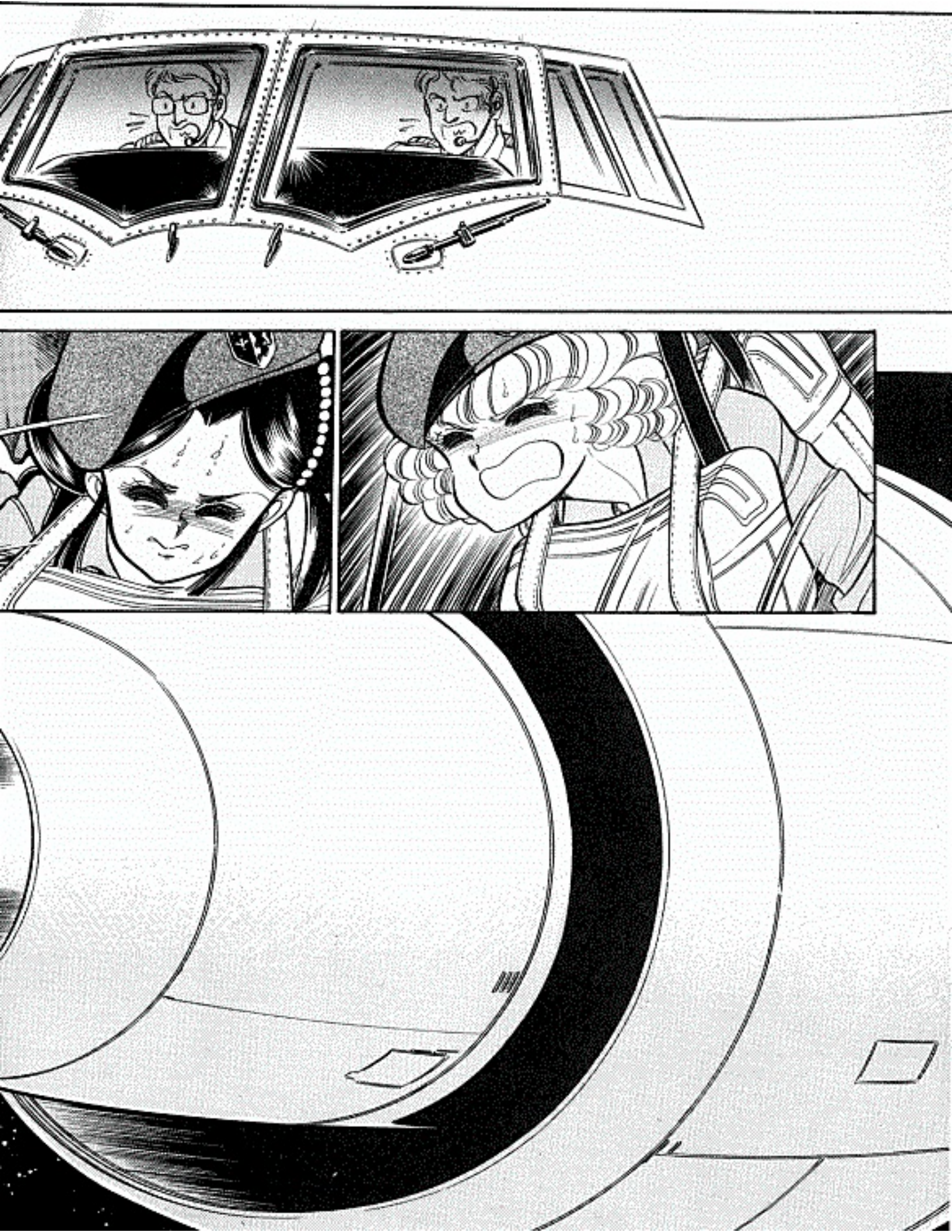
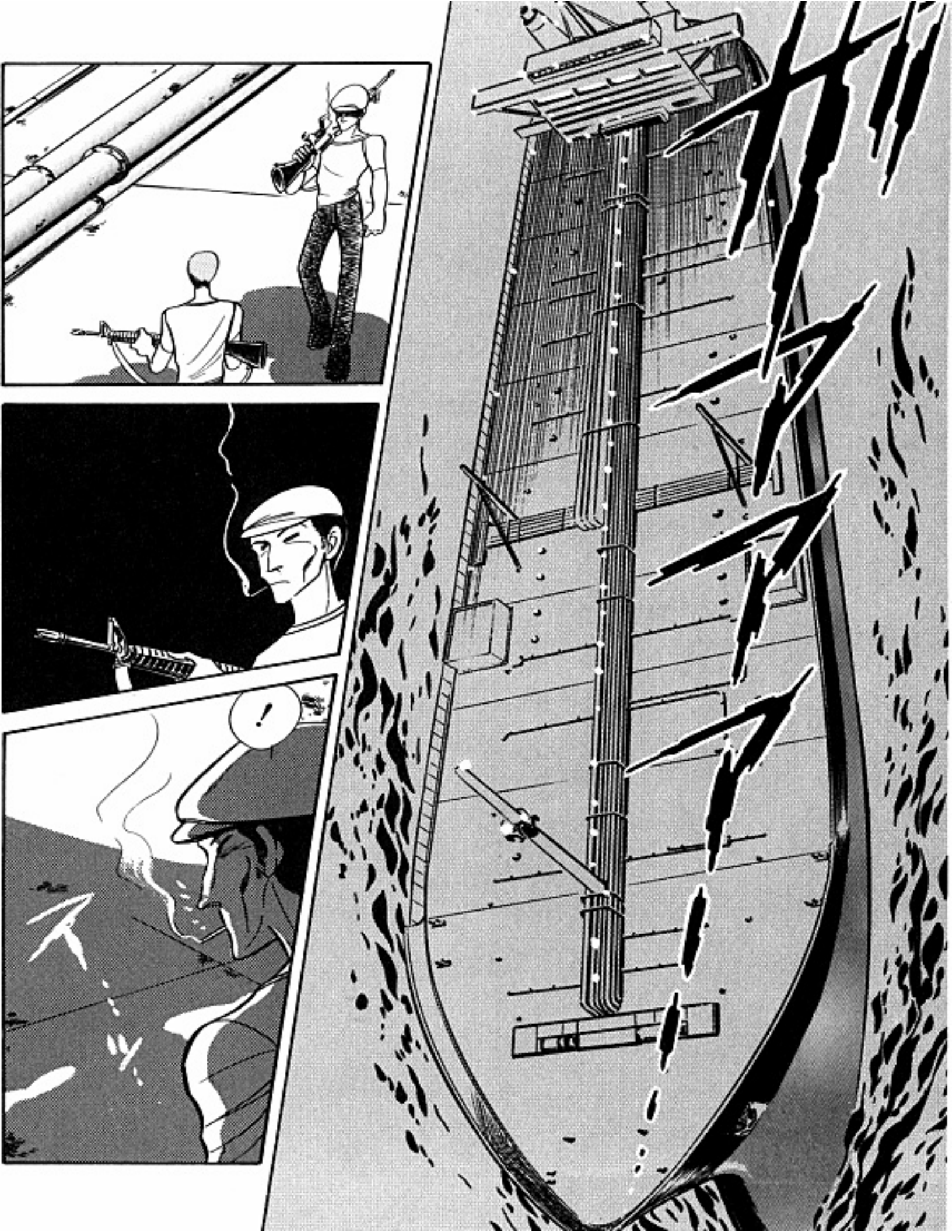


IS EVERYONE OKAY!?
UH-HUH...
SOME-HOW...
I WANT TO DIE...
I THOUGHT WE DIED.
I THOUGHT WE WERE DEAD...

THAT?
ISLAND ...
CONFIRMING OBJECTIVE!! THAT'S SAN-LUNG ISLAND!!
I'VE SPENT THE LAST MONTH PINNING THIS THING DOWN!!
YES...A MOVING ISLAND... AN ENORMOUS TANKER SAILING UNDER THE NAME SAN-LUNG.
THERE ARE A LOT OF ISLANDS IN HONG KONG BAY,
BUT NOT ONE OF THEM IS CALLED SAN-LUNG.



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COMMANDER WELLS!! IT'S COMMANDER MARIE!! THEY'VE BROKEN IN!!
ALL UNITS, ATTACK!!
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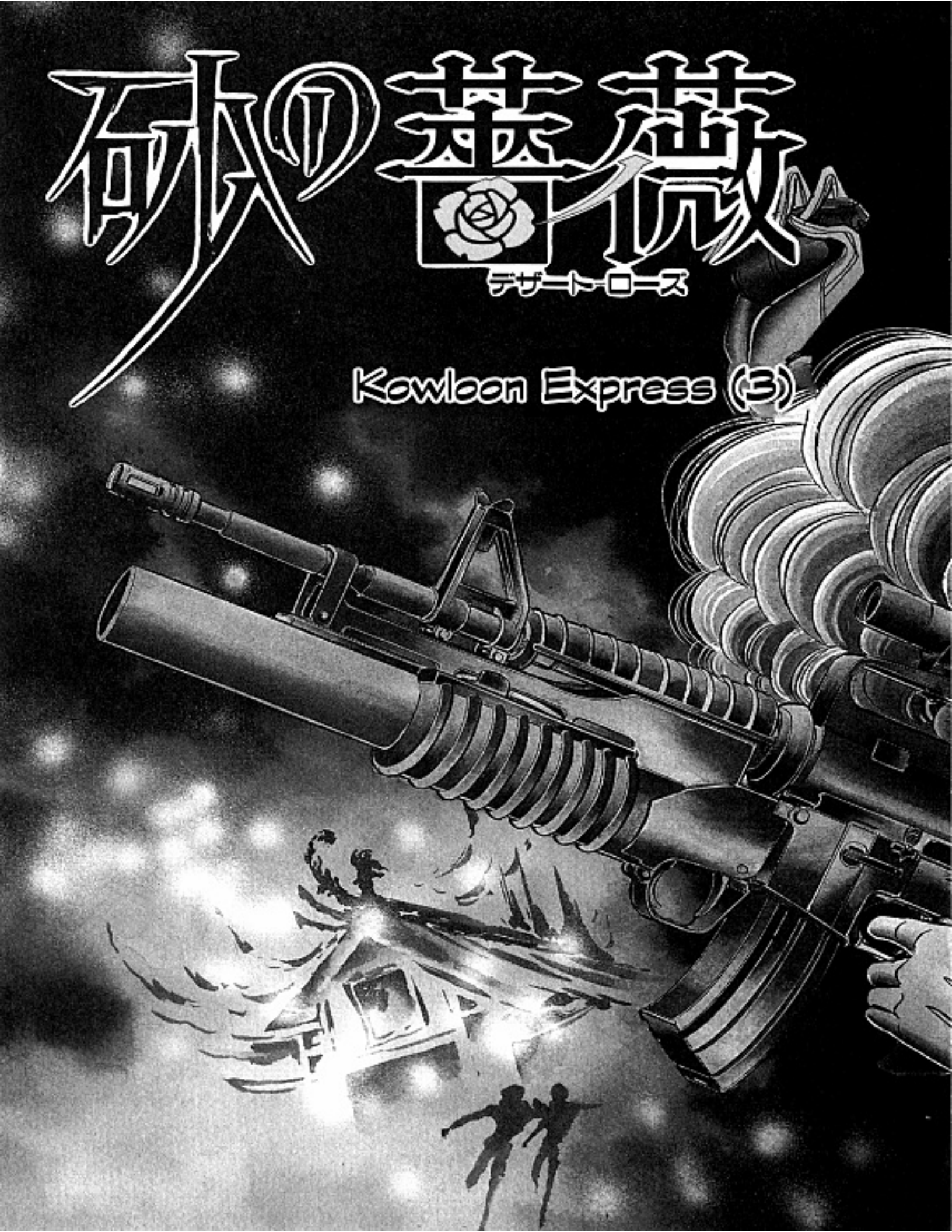
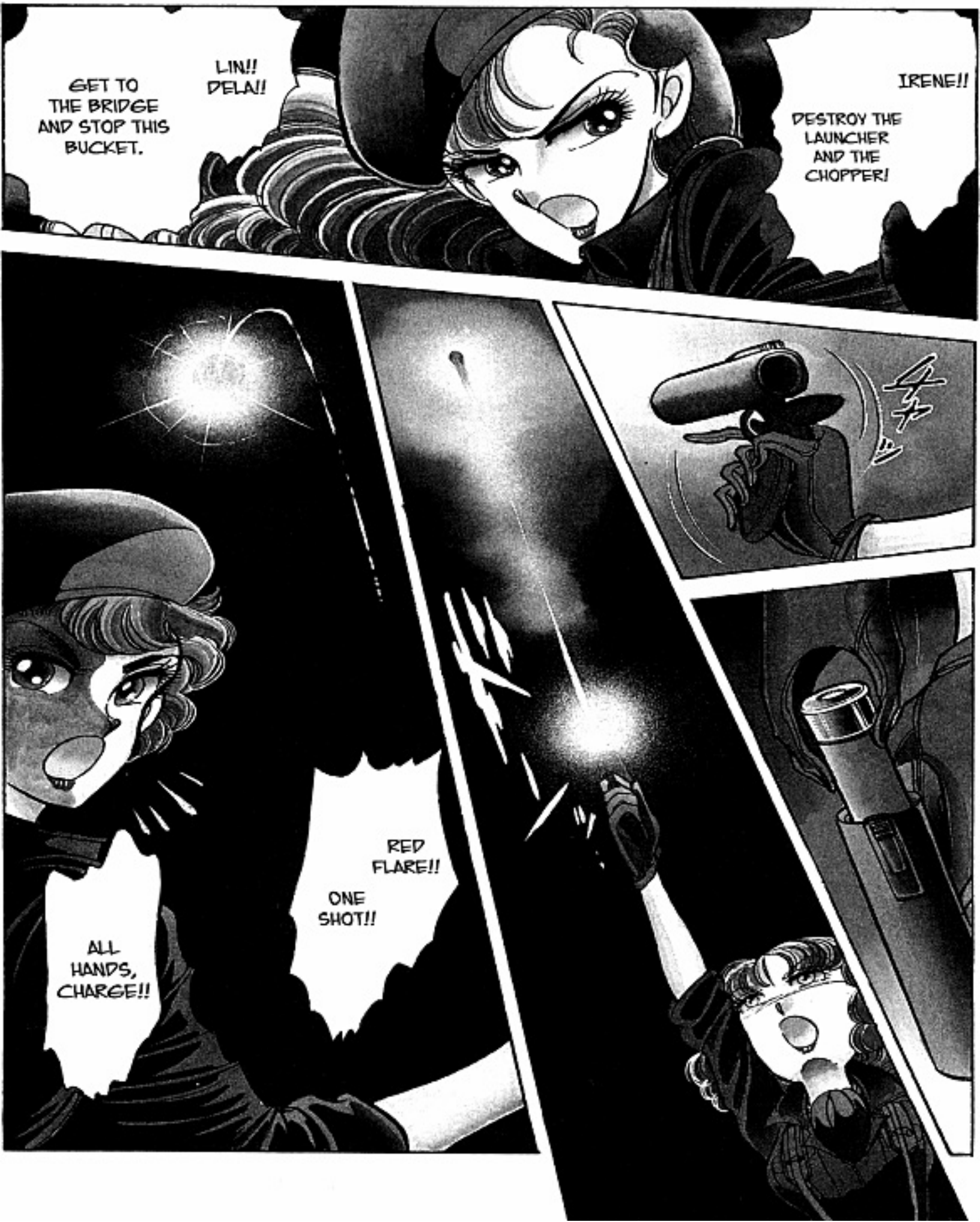
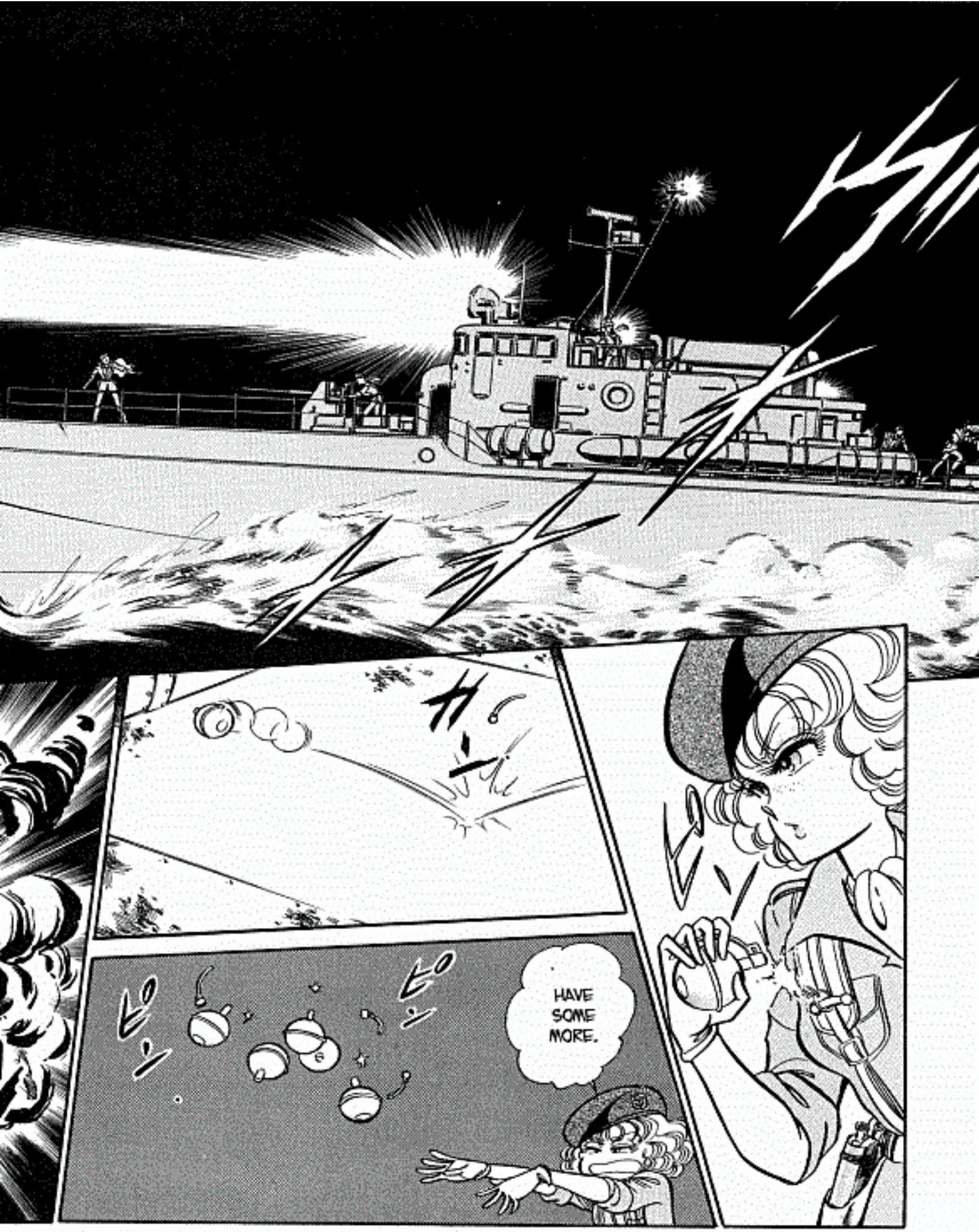



GET TO THE BRIDGE AND STOP THIS BUCKET.
LIN!! DELA!!
IRENE!!
DESTROY THE LAUNCHER AND THE CHOPPER!
ALL HANDS, CHARGE!!
ONE SHOT!!
RED FLARE!!

THE STRESS IS GETTING TO HER.
THAT... IDIOT!! SHE GOES TOO FAR!!


HAVE SOME MORE.

!!
KIM!!
LESLIE
TAKE THE HELM!!

WELL DONE, WELL DONE. THE OTHERS ARE EXTRAVA-GANT, TOO.

I'M FINE. IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
ARE YOU INJURED?
KIM!!
COMMANDER!!

THESE ARE THE BOUGHT OR KIDNAPPED GIRLS.

WE'VE CHECKED THE CABINS AND THE HOLD. THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANYONE LIKE WANG.
AND THERE'S NOTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE A PROCESSING FACILITY.
IT'S HELGA.
MARIE

HUMANS ARE PROCESSED... ON THIS SHIP...
I THOUGHT WE HAD FULLY CONFIRMED IT DURING THE MONTH WE WORKED AS SECRETARIES...
...IT CAN'T BE...
NOR DO I SMELL DISINFECTANT ANYWHERE.
I FIGURED THERE HAD TO BE SOMETHING LIKE A HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOM...
THEY ARE CUTTING PEOPLE UP TO SELL THEM.
BUT... THERE'S NOTHING HERE.
THE ADJUTANT CORDONED OFF THE AREA BELOW...
WHAT IS IT?
THE GIRLS HAVE TRANSFERRED TO THE LIFEBOATS.
WE'VE JUST ABOUT MOPPED UP ON DECK.
GO AHEAD AND SEND A REPORT ON THE BATTLE FOR THE UPPER DECK TO COMMANDER WELLS.
FINE
I'M COMING TO YOU.

GOODNESS... THERE ARE INDEED MEN AND WOMEN IN THE HOLD WHO WERE PURCHASED OR KIDNAPPED.
DRAGGED HERE AS SLAVES.
BUT THERE ARE NO BODIES.
NO PRO-CESSING FACTORY.
AND MOST IMPORTANT
NO SIGN OR WANG OR OUR PRESIDENT YANG.
MARIE
STILL...WE WERE HIS SECRETARIES.
HE'S...NOT OUR PRESIDENT...

COM-
MANDER
WELLS
VERY
WELL
DONE.
DIVI-
SION M
LIVED
UP TO
ITS
REPU-
TATION.
WE SUFFERED
HARDLY ANY
CASUALTIES.
IT'S A HUGE
SUCCESS.
BUT...
THE BOSS
CALLED
WANG DA
REN...
OUR
COMMISSION
FROM THE
GOVERNOR...
FIRST...
TO DE-
STROY
THE
BASE...
THE DATA FOR
INVESTIGATING THE
ROUTE WE WERE TO
LEAVE TO MULTINATIONAL
INVESTIGATORS.
BUT THIS
MAY NOT BE
THE BASE...
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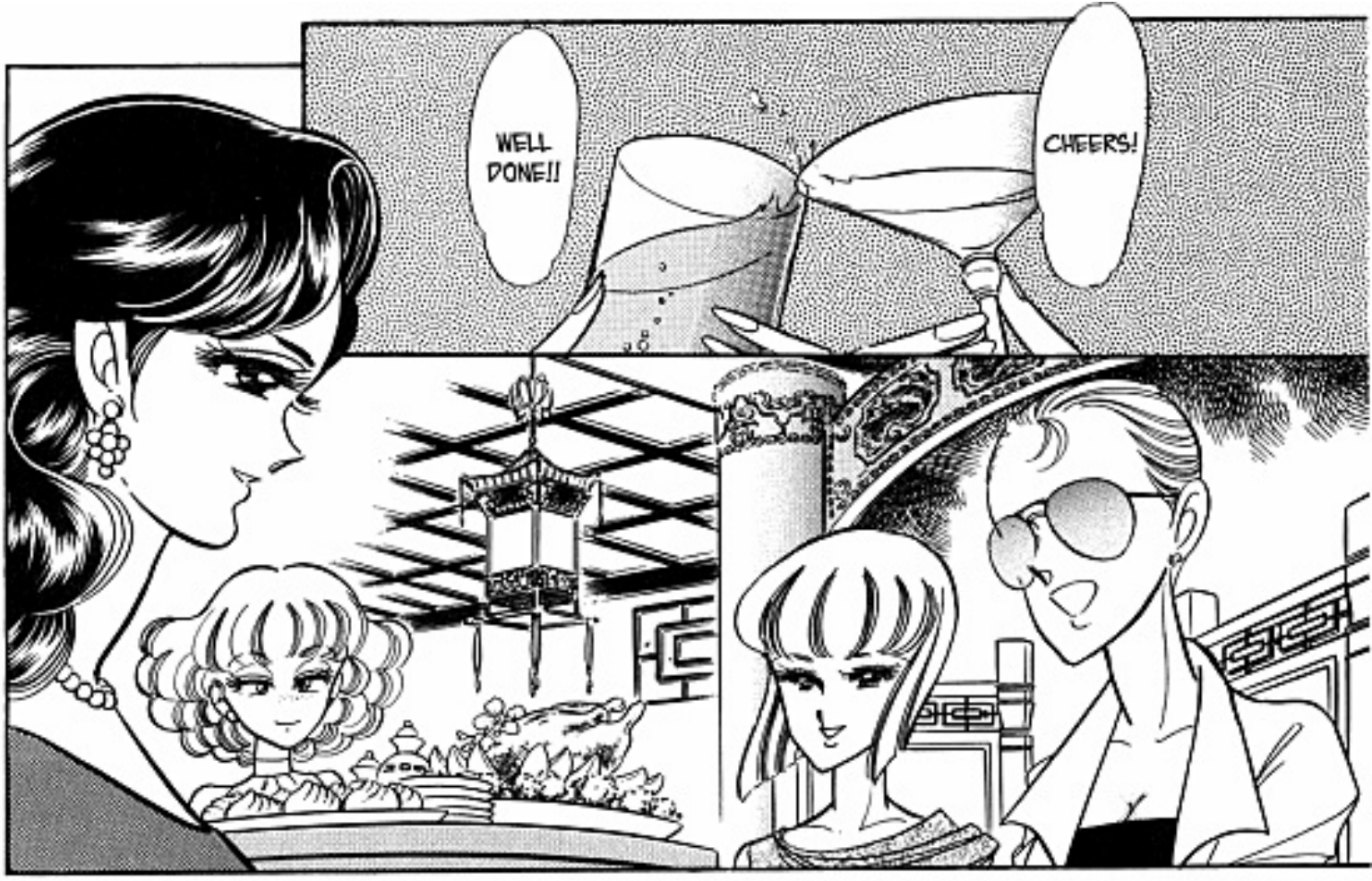
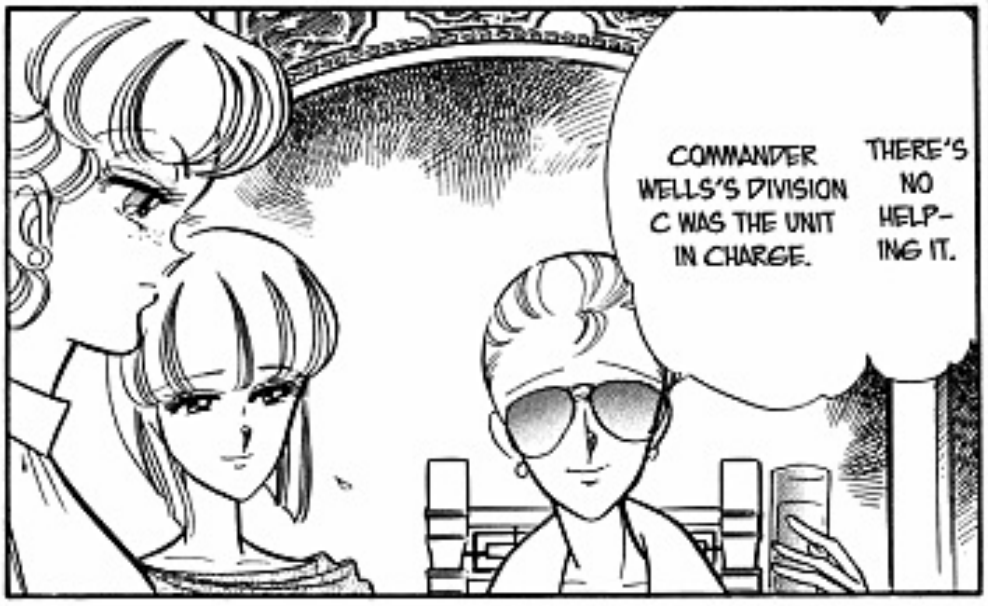
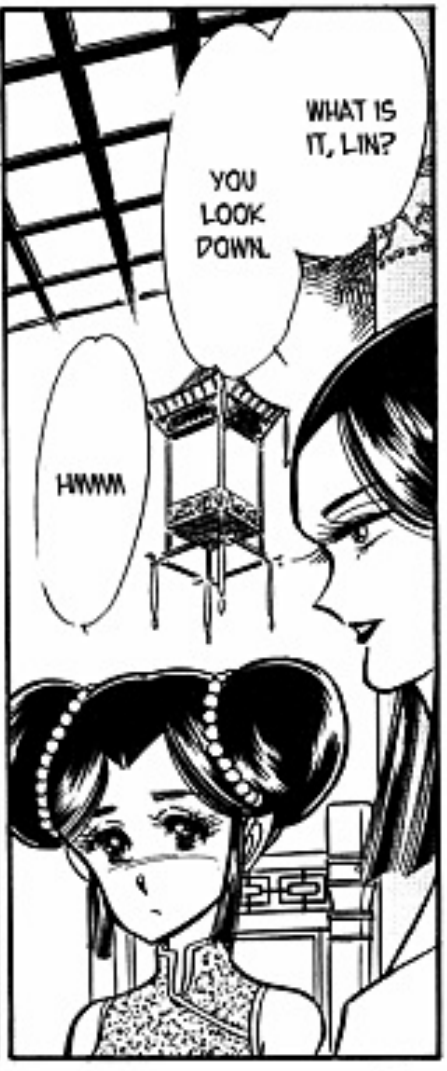

WELL DONE!!
CHEERS!

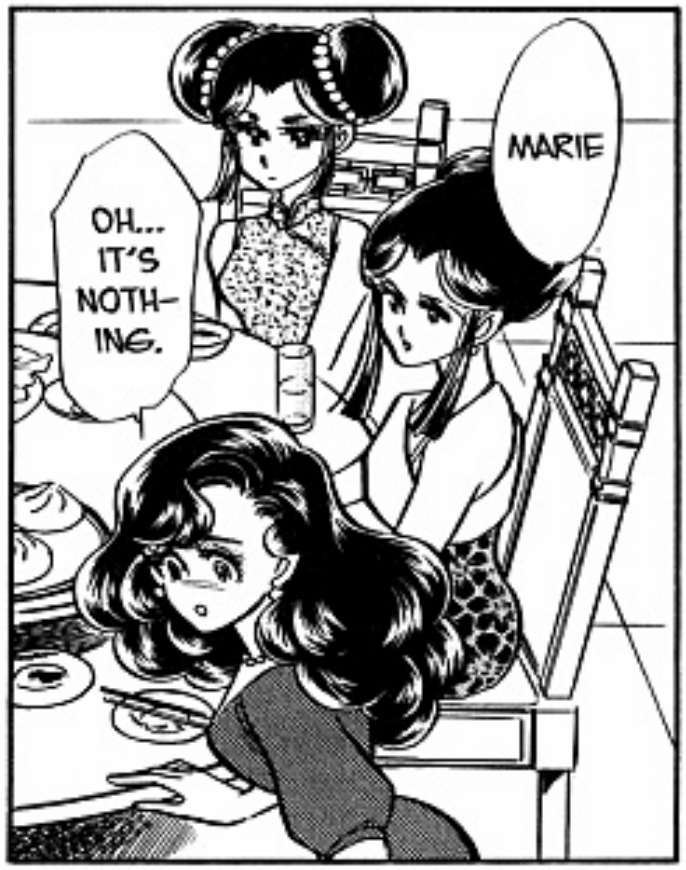
MAYBE BECAUSE THE COMMANDER DIDN'T CALL "THAT'S A WRAP!" AS USUAL...
SOMEHOW... THE JOB DOESN'T SEEM FINISHED.

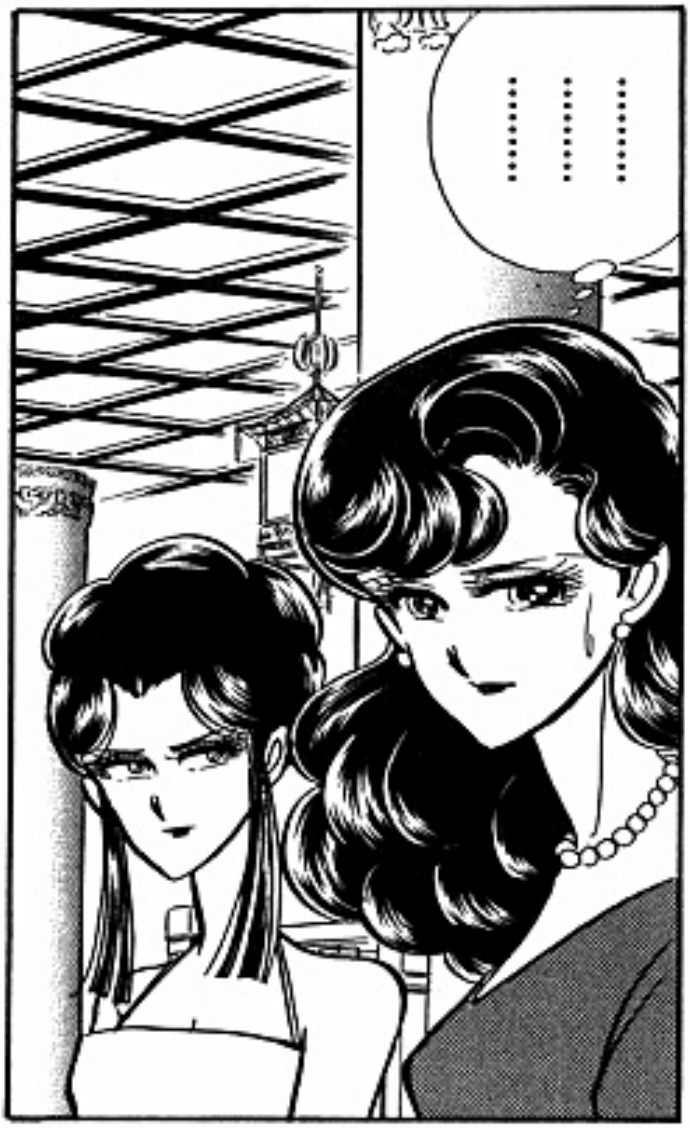

COMMANDER WELLS'S DIVISION C WAS THE UNIT IN CHARGE.
THERE'S NO HELP-ING IT.


WHAT IS IT, LIN?
YOU LOOK DOWN.
HMMM

SAY... WHO'LL GET THE CREDIT FOR THIS MISSION?
UH-HUH
I'LL BET IT WAS KIM'S FIRST.
BUT... A JOINT MISSION IS PRETTY UNUSUAL.
EHH!! BUT WE'RE THE ONES WHO RISKED OUR NECKS CROSSING THAT DANGEROUS BRIDGE.
SO NATURALLY COMMANDER WELLS WILL GET THE CREDIT.
IT WAS DIVISION C THAT PUT TOGETHER THE PLAN,
AND OUR MEMBERS ARE YOUNG.
ONE OF OUR TEAM'S SPECIALITIES IS MANEUVERING ON HANG GLIDERS...
WELL... THAT IS TRUE...
BUT...WHEN I FOUND OUT HOW OLD SHE WAS, I ASKED HER NOT TO GO.
IN FACT, COMMANDER WELLS SAID SHE WAS GOING TO COMMAND THE ATTACK FROM THE AIR.

Y'KNOW... SOME OF US ARE EATING HERE...
BUT...I WAS KINDA SURPRISED... I EXPECTED TO FIND MORE BLOOD AND GUTS EVERYWHERE ON THE INSIDE OF THAT SHIP.
UNTIL THEN.
WELL... SEE YOU IN TOKYO.
PRESI- DENT YANG.
OH...
WHAT IS IT, MARIE?
!!





THE MAN NEXT TO PRESIDENT YANG...

SURELY NOT... MR. SAKA-KIBARA...

I can imagine what she means by party...such a sad life she leads...
Hee hee hee...
WOO-HOO!! TWO WEEKS OFF!! TIME TO PARTYYY!
SEE YOU IN TWO WEEKS.
SEE YOU.
DO YOU HAVE ANY SEATS AVAILABLE FOR TOKYO?
YES IN FIRST CLASS.
THEN... I'LL TAKE ONE, PLEASE.
JAL
Bye...

HEL-
GA!!
AND ANOTHER, PLEASE.
I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN TO JAPAN...
SURELY IT'S OKAY IF I USE MY TIME OFF TO DO SOME SIGHT-SEEING...
...OR NOT?
OH... BUT...
If you know one another, I can seat you together...
...
HEL-
GA
...
I HAVEN'T YET HEARD YOU SAY, "THAT'S A WRAP."

TATSURO SAKAKIHARA. HE IS THE FORMER HEAD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE T. STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. HE'S A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE.
HE ALSO HAD JURISDICTION OVER ORGAN TRANSPLANTS.
SAKAKIBARA? IN THAT RESTAURANT?
BUT DIVISION M'S... STARTS NOW...
DIVISION C'S OPERATION IS OVER,
RIGHT, MARIE ...?
OH... THAT SMELLS FISHY, DOESN'T IT...
BUT...MARIE YOU CERTAINLY ARE UP ON THINGS. YOU EVEN LOOKED AT FILES LIKE THAT?

.....
HE WORKED FOR MY FATHER... HE WAS SENIOR TO MY OLDER BROTHER AND ENGAGED TO MY OLDER SISTER...
HE'S AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.
I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT ANY CAT FILES.
WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL HE WAS MY TUTOR...
NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED. HE CALLED OFF THE ENGAGEMENT TO MY SISTER WITHOUT EXPLANATION...AT THE TIME I HAD GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVED IN LONDON.
I HEARD HE HAD A DISAGREEMENT WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AND LEFT.
...UMM...SO... WHAT HAPPENED...

I'M SORRY ...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I LIKE TO SPEAK OF...IT WAS AWFUL.
WILL YOU GO SEE YOUR FAMILY AFTER CHECKING INTO THE HOTEL?
DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW?
I MEAN... THE TYPE OF WORK YOU DO?
NO...I'M GOING TO THE AGENT'S OFFICE FIRST THING.
THERE SHOULD BE A FAX THERE FROM HEADQUARTERS.
大手町
OTEMACHI
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NIHONBASHI
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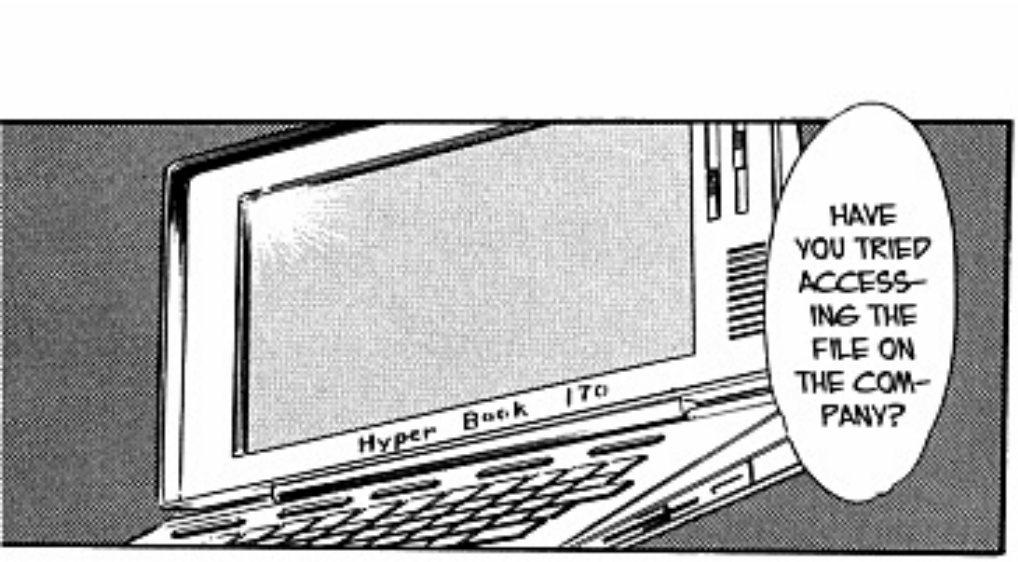
MY MOTHER... DIED WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG....
MY FATHER THINKS I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL POSITION WITH A DATA PROCESSING FIRM IN AMERICA.
GIVE ME A BREAK. THAT WAS YEARS AGO.
NO WAY!! BEFORE I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN CHANGE FROM FIVE HUNDRED YEN!
¥1,520
...GOODNESS... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO PRICES IN JAPAN...?

THAT'S A DIF-FERENT ISSUE.
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU WEREN'T EVEN PAYING ATTENTION WHEN THE WALL CAME DOWN...
ONLY... SIX YEARS.
AND MIGHT I ASK HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN IGNOR-ING YOUR FATHER?
.....
THAT TOOK A WHILE.
THANKS FOR WAIT-ING!!
WE NEED TO GET MOVING.
I WON-DER WHY.
IT WAS A SHOCK.
THE COM-MANDER AND HELGA ARE HERE.

PLEASE SIGN HERE.
THANK YOU
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. HERE IS THE FILE FROM HEADQUARTERS.
TOP SECRET
918816
910012
#912134
#918816
!
!?
HELGA!!
IT LOOKS LIKE LIN IS HERE. LOOK...HER SIGNATURE.
YES!!
UMM... MIGHT I ASK WHAT HER BUSINESS WAS...
AHH...THAT PERSON WAS JUST HERE... DO YOU KNOW HER?
THE DATE...IS TODAY.

AS I EXPECT YOU ARE AWARE, I AM REQUIRED TO KEEP THE CONTENTS OF INDIVIDUAL FILES CONFIDENTIAL...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE FILE?
SHE WAS ALSO HERE TO GET A FILE FROM HEADQUARTERS.
IF YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST KNOW, YOU CAN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO HEADQUARTERS. IF THEY APPROVE IT...
AN APPLICATION WOULD TAKE AT LEAST THREE DAYS.
IT WILL BE QUICKER TO SEARCH FOR HER.
IN THAT CASE... HERE IS MY CONTACT INFORMATION. IF LIN SHOULD HAPPEN TO CALL YOU, PLEASE LET HER KNOW.
UNDER-STOOD.



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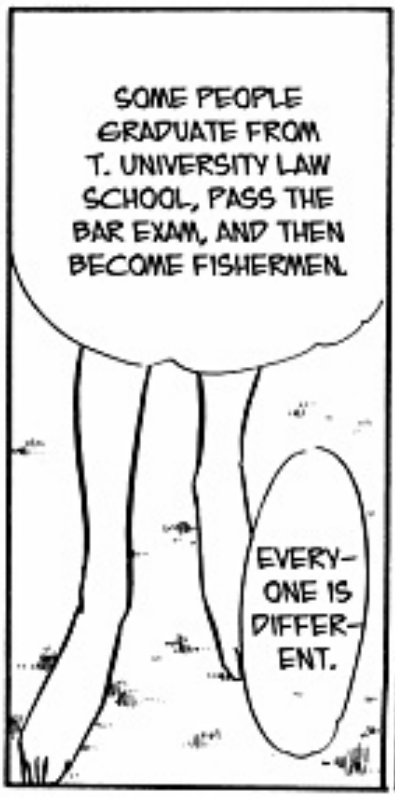

AFTER LEAVING T. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HE SET UP A COMPANY CALLED HYAKUSEN BIO...
ABOUT TATSURO SAKAKIHARA... THERE'S HARDLY ANY INFORMATION HERE THAT ISN'T TRIVIAL.
TOKYO NEW HOTEL

WHERE IS HYAKUSEN BIO LOCATED?
TOKYO FUCHU
株式会社
百泉バイオ化学
THAT'S A HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC FENCE.
THIS PLACE HAS AWFULLY HIGH SECURITY FOR A COMPANY DEALING IN YEAST.

WE'D BETTER INVESTI-GATE.
AMAZING. AN INFRA-RED MESH.

THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS. BUT THAT BUILDING IS VERY SUSPICIOUS.
WAIT. AREN'T CIVILIANS PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING GUNS IN JAPAN?
NO
SOMEONE'S COMING...
GOOD TIMING. THEIR ARRIVAL DIVERTED THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS.

GET OUT!
LIN!!
13614 ...OKAY
4 5 6
7 8 9
* 0 #
ELECTORIC LOCK
LOCK
UNLOCK
GIVE ME THE SCOPE.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT HAP-PENED... TO THAT GIRL?

UH!!
UH!!
UHN!!
UH!!
SHE'S A FEISTY ONE.
FUGU... FU
TAKE THE CLOTHES OFF THAT ONE.
IT'LL BE OVER IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES.
ROGER
WE'VE ALREADY GOT ORDERS FOR A LIVER AND KIDNEYS.
WE'LL SOON BE GETTING ONE FOR A HEART. AND EYEBALLS.

POOR YANG AND WANG.
TO DO IN SUCH A PRETTY YOUNG GIRL...
UH...
UHH!!
VENGEANCE SERVES NO PURPOSE, BUT AT LEAST THIS WILL DISPEL SOME OF THE RESENTMENT.
THE ORGANS WILL POP OUT FROM THE ABDOMINAL PRESSURE ALONE.
I'M OPENING YOU UP WITHOUT ANESTHESIA.
DROP THE SCALPEL!!

D- DAMN... THERE'S MORE OF YOU...
COM- MANDER!! HELGA!!
MR. SAKA- KIHARA... DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
S- SURELY NOT... MARIKO...
...YOU ...ARE ...
?
PRO- FESSOR ... MORINA- GA'S...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
YOU MEANT A LOT TO ME THEN...
I NEVER...
WANTED TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS.
MA-RIE
COM-MANDER!! LOOK OUT!
W- WAIT!! THERE'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.

UO HH
GU AHH H!!
HE'S DONE FOR... BAI KOWLOON'S DEATH POTIONS... HAVE NO ANTIDOTE...
LIN!!
UH... GUO HHHH

THEY USED THAT TANKER TO COLLECT PEOPLE AND TRANSPORT THEM TO JAPAN.
PRO-CESSING HAPPENED IN JAPAN... HERE...
!!
IF THEY TOOK THE HEART FIRST, THEY USED AN ARTIFICIAL HEART... IF THEY TOOK THE KIDNEYS THEY USED A DIALYSIS MACHINE.
THE KEPT THE BODY ALIVE UNTIL THEY HAD REMOVED ALL THE ORGANS.

STOP!!
WANG OTHERWISE KNOWN AS HEI KOWLOON CARRIED IT OUT WITH YANG...
THEY WOULD KIDNAP... AND KILL...
IF THERE WAS NO HISTOCOMPATIBILITY OR BLOOD TYPE MATCH IN INVENTORY...
...THIS IS NOT THE WORK OF HUMANS...IT'S THE WORK OF DEMONS...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE...THAT'S ENOUGH.
THAT WASN'T THE KIND MR. SAKAKIHARA I KNEW...HE SOLD HIS SOUL...THIS WAS JUST HIS HUSK...
THAT'S A WRAP!! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED -0203HRS-
AH...UH-OH... THE GUARDS WE KNOCKED OUT ARE COMING TO...

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MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED!!
—1530 HRS—
THAT'S A WRAP!!

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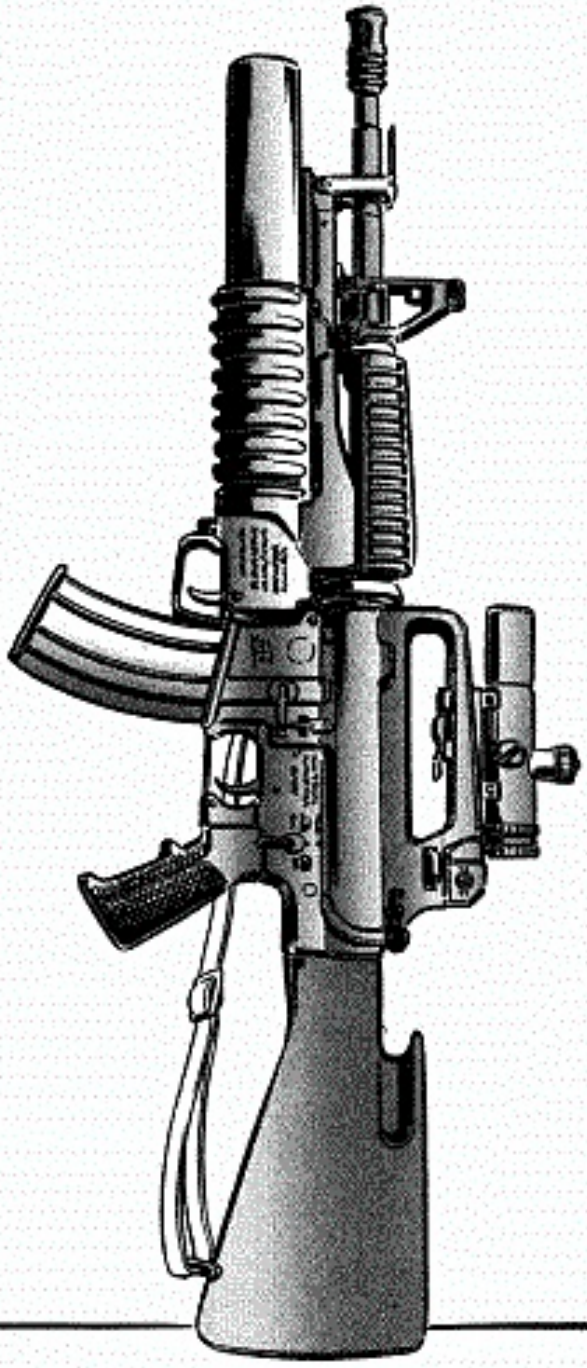

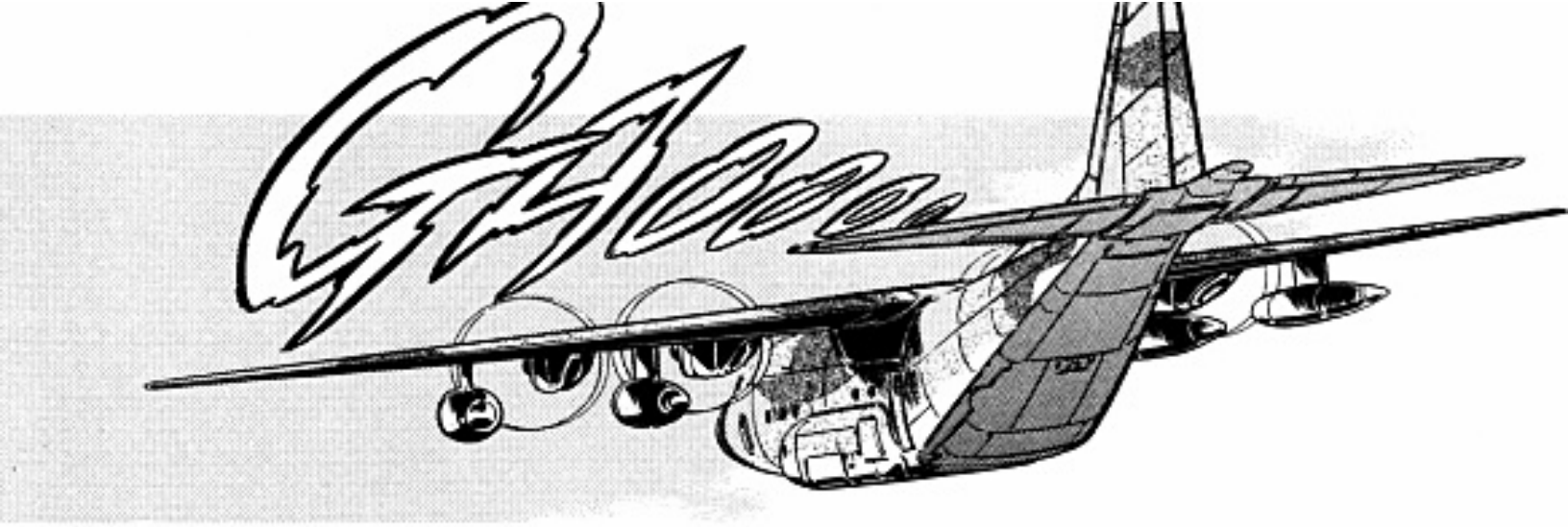
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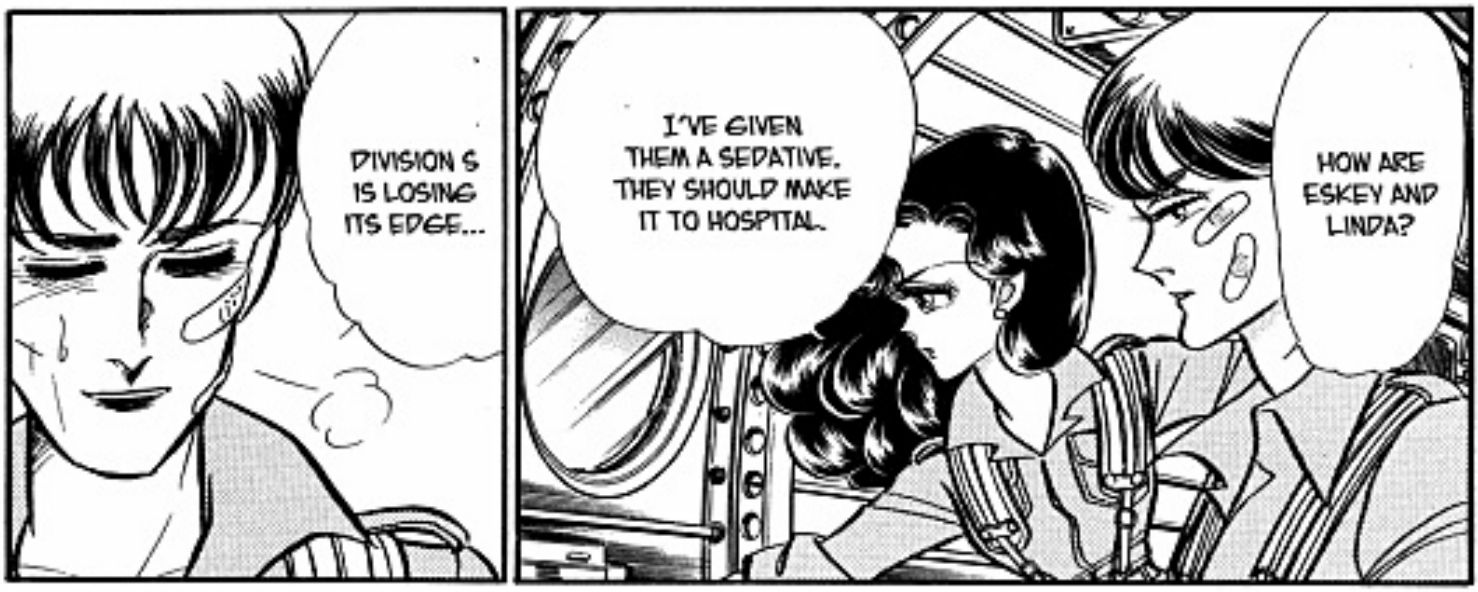

DIVISION 5 IS LOSING ITS EDGE...
I'VE GIVEN THEM A SEDATIVE. THEY SHOULD MAKE IT TO HOSPITAL.
HOW ARE ESKEY AND LINDA?

THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS, BUT AT A GREAT COST.
LINDA'S LEG...WILL NEVER WORK AGAIN.
EVEN IF WE DIDN'T LOSE ANYONE, WE HAVE EIGHT SEVERELY INJURED...

IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT, COMMANDER.

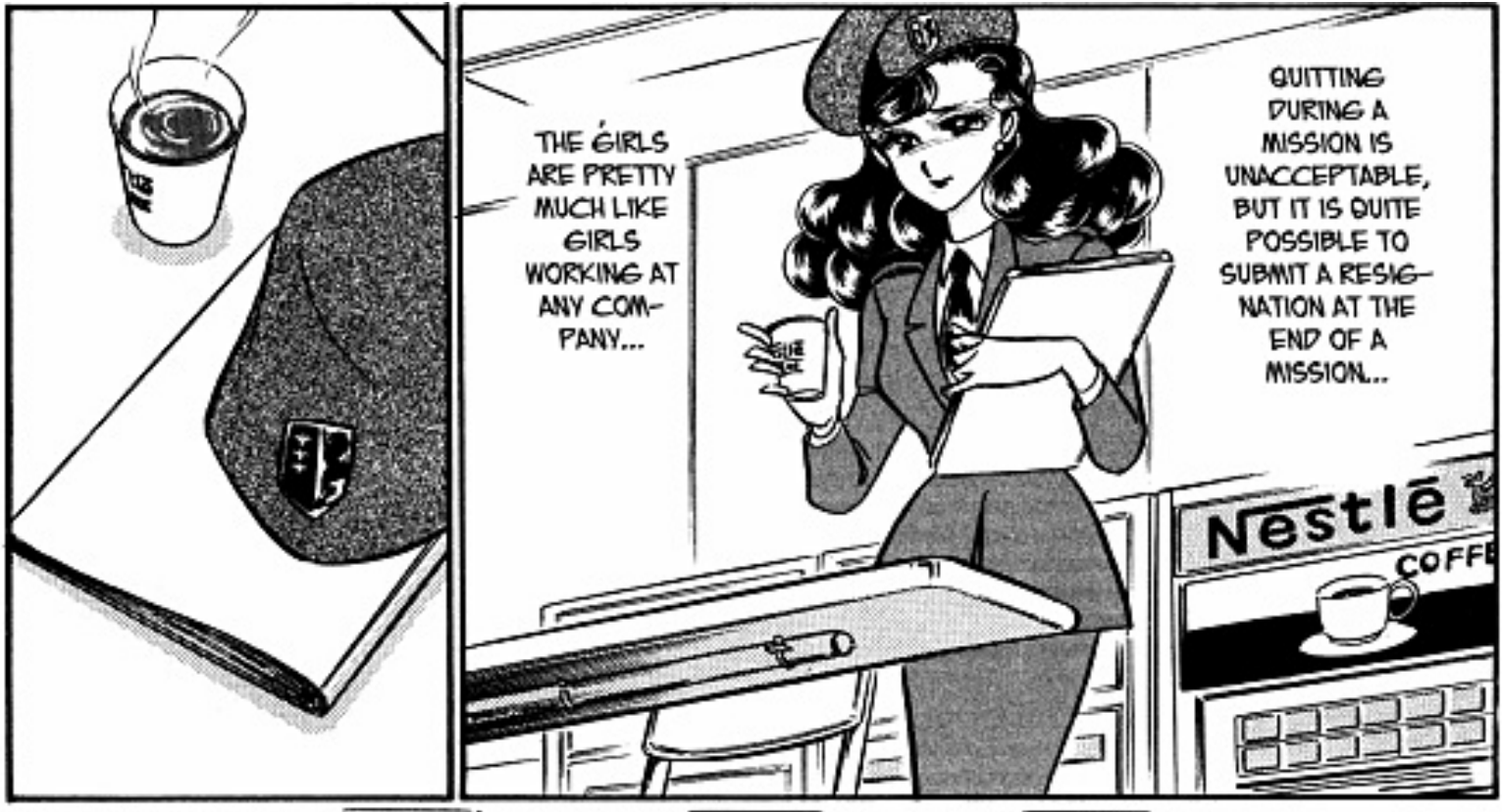
MARIE
I'M COM-ING.
LIEUTE-NANT!!
ESKEY IS BLEED-ING...
I'M LEAVING DIVISION 5 TO YOU.
I'M PUTTING IN A REQUEST AT HEADQUAR-TERS.
COMMAN-DER!!
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO...
I'M EX-HAUST-ED...

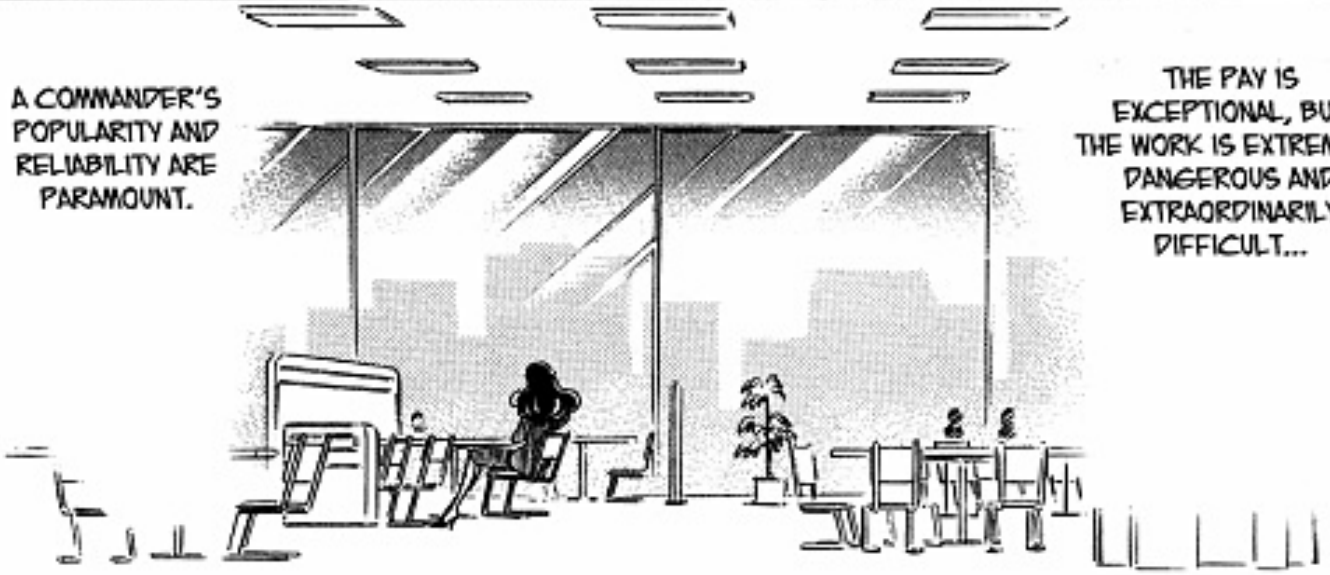
THANK YOU...YOU DON'T NEED TO SEE ME OFF FURTHER.
TAXI
EVERY-ONE... BE WELL.
COM-MAN-DER!!
COMMAN-DER!!
I WILL.
WELL... MARIE. TAKE CARE OF THEM FOR ME.

TAXI
ブルルル
NOW, NOW... THAT'S ENOUGH TALK...
WE NEED TO GET REORGANIZED,
SO LET'S GO TO THE MEETING ROOM.
I WONDER... WHAT THE COMMANDER WILL DO NOW.
SHE SAID SHE'S GOING BACK TO THE COUNTRY TO RUN A GENERAL STORE...
I HEARD IT WAS A FARM.
……
……
……
?

OUT OF TWELVE AGENTS ...
EIGHT ARE REQUESTING DISCHARGE ?
THIS AFTERNOON...
CAT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION, SO...
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO LEAVE.
PLEASE UNDERSTAND, MARIE.
ESKEY'S LIFE WAS SPARED, BUT SHE'S FACING A LONG RECUPERATION..
LINDA WILL PROBABLY NEVER RETURN TO WORKING IN THE FIELD.
WITH EIGHT AGENTS DISCHARGED,
THERE ISN'T REALLY A DIVISION ANY MORE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THIS KIND OF THING OFTEN HAPPENS.
YOU CAN REQUEST PERSONNEL FROM OTHER DIVISIONS...AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF RESERVISTS.
COLONEL...

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU!!
I'M REALLY SORRY...
LIEUTE-NANT...
I JUST CAN'T... DO ANY MORE WORK THAT REQUIRES RISKING MY LIFE...
カツ…
IT'S NOT LIKE THE ARMY WHERE YOU HAVE TO SERVE A FIXED TERM...
カフェ…
CAT IS LIKE ANY OTHER PRIVATE CORPORATION...


THE GIRLS ARE PRETTY MUCH LIKE GIRLS WORKING AT ANY COMPANY...
QUITTING DURING A MISSION IS UNACCEPTABLE, BUT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT A RESIGNATION AT THE END OF A MISSION...
Nestlé
COFFE

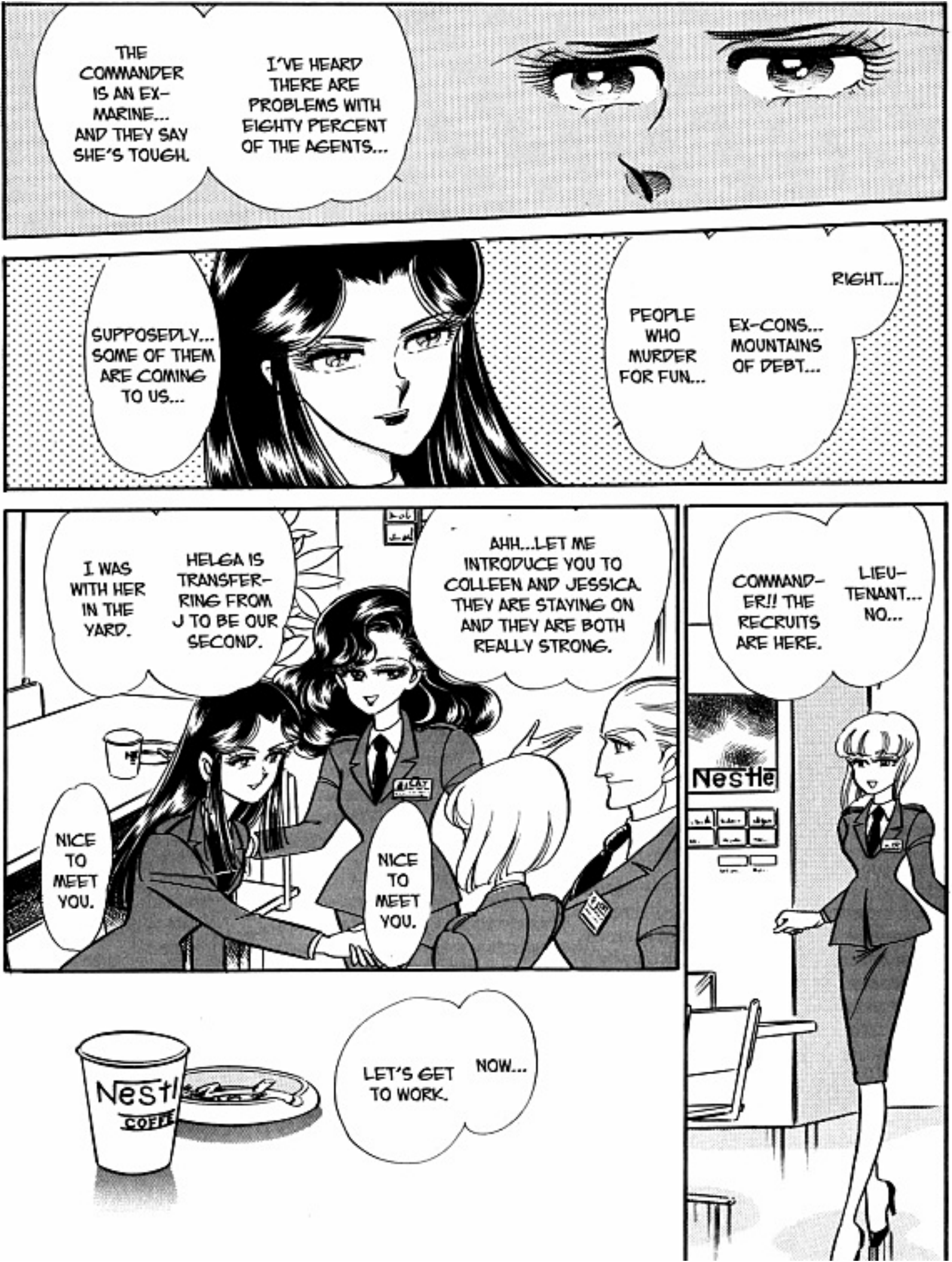

A COMMANDER'S POPULARITY AND RELIABILITY ARE PARAMOUNT.
THE PAY IS EXCEPTIONAL, BUT THE WORK IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT...

OHHH
OH

IT SEEMS... I DIDN'T RECEIVE THEIR TRUST...

THAT'S THE STEEL-EYED LOOK WE NEED.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
YOU ARE ALREADY THIS DISPIRITED?
YOU BECOME A COMMANDER AND BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN GIVEN A SINGLE COMMAND,
REQUEST PERMISSION TO ASSUME POST.
REPORTING TO BE THE DIVISION M LIEUTENANT COMMANDER!
HELGA METTEL-MEIER
AH... OF COURSE YOU DO...YOU DIDN'T NEED TO ASK.
HEY, HEY. DO I HAVE YOUR PER-MISSION?
IT'S BEEN AWHILE, MARIE.
HELGA!! IT'S YOU!!

THIS IS JUST FOR INTERNAL EARS.
CAT
THAT'S RIGHT...THE COLONEL SAID TO DO WHAT IT TAKES.
BUT I'M WORRIED.
PHEW
WE'LL BASICALLY HAVE TO BUILD THE DIVISION FROM SCRATCH.
Coca-Cola
THEY SAY Q HAS BEEN DISBANDED.
BUT EVEN AMONG THE OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS, Q IS...' SPECIAL.
WELL...IN CAT, IF YOU AREN'T VICIOUS YOU'LL END UP WORKING SOMEWHERE LIKE THE COMM CENTER...
IT'S SAID THEY WERE THE MOST VICIOUS DIVISION...
Q...

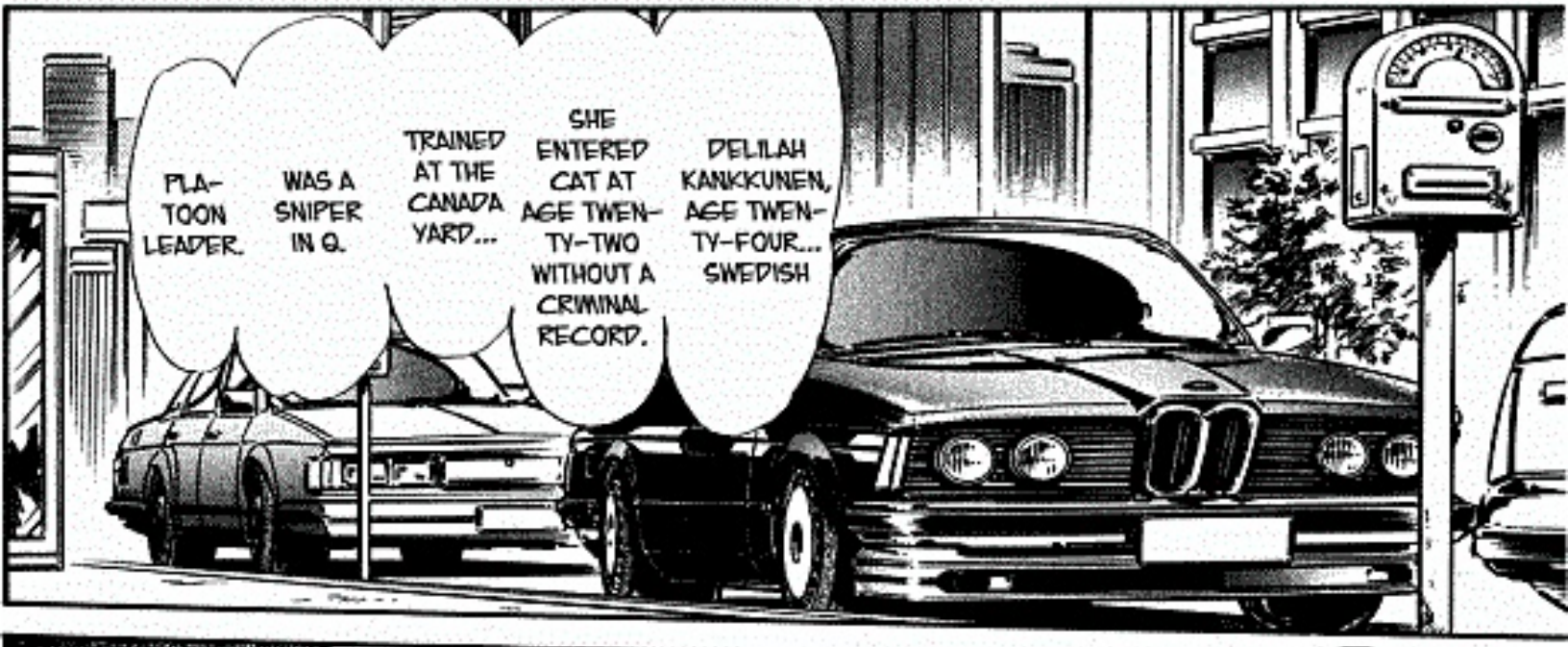

THE COMMANDER IS AN EX-MARINE... AND THEY SAY SHE'S TOUGH.
I'VE HEARD THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE AGENTS...
SUPPOSEDLY... SOME OF THEM ARE COMING TO US...
PEOPLE WHO MURDER FOR FUN...
EX-CONS... MOUNTAINS OF DEBT...
RIGHT...
I WAS WITH HER IN THE YARD.
HELGA IS TRANSFER-RING FROM J TO BE OUR SECOND.
AHH...LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO COLLEEN AND JESSICA. THEY ARE STAYING ON AND THEY ARE BOTH REALLY STRONG.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
COMMAND-ER!! THE RECRUITS ARE HERE.
LIEU-TENANT... NO...
Nestle
Nestl
COFFE
LET'S GET TO WORK.
NOW...

BRIEFING ROOM
THE TWO REMAINING FROM S.
THESE FOUR HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AT THE YARD.
ONE EACH FROM K AND C.
AND THREE FROM Q.
TWO ARE MISSING.
?
WHERE ARE THE OTHER TWO?
Y-YES...
HEY, YOU. YOU'RE FROM Q, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE OTHER TWO?
DELILAH KANKKUNEN AND IRENE SANDERS... CAN'T TELL MUCH FROM THE I.D. PHOTOS.
ELEANOR BARKER
ISN'T Q SUPPOSED TO BE INCREDIBLY VICIOUS?
SHE SEEMS TERRIFIED OF HER SHADOW...
AH... UMM...
I D- D-DON'T... KN- KNOW.
JCAT
NOOO!! DON'T HIT ME!!
JCAT
ELEANOR
DO YOU KNOW WHERE DELILAH AND IRENE ARE?
8
I DIDN'T... DO IT...!!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!

.....
DON'T BE SILLY.
WHO WOULD HIT YOU?
Has she lost it?...
SHE CALLED ME A MEATHEAD...SHE SAID MY JOB WAS TO BE THE EVERY-ONE'S PUNCHING BAG...
THE COM-MANDER OF MY PREVIOUS DIVISION... HIT ME... ALL THE TIME.
DON'T WORRY.
EVERYONE HERE IS ON YOUR SIDE.
IRENE... IS PROBA-BLY WITH HER BOY-FRIEND...
DELA... IS PROB-ABLY AT A BAR...
MAYBE THAT'S WHY THEY DIS-BANDED Q?
TERRIBLE!!
WHERE WAS THE AUDIT DEPART-MENT?

...REALLY?
CAN I TRUST YOU?
OF COURSE...I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
Don't be silly—they wouldn't do that...
P- PLEASE DON'T TELL THEM I TOLD YOU, MS. COMMANDER!!
IF THEY FIND OUT...THEY'LL KILL ME.
IN MY DIVISION M...WE ARE LIKE FAMILY...NO ONE'S GOING TO HURT YOU...OKAY!!
THIS IS NOT Q.
I'M ALWAYS ON THE SIDE OF MY GIRLS...
SURE. NO PROB-LEM.
THANK YOU SO MUCH...MS. COMMANDER...
...Y- YES'M...
I'm so glad I got a nice Commander...
UH-HUH
WELL...I GUESS FOR NOW WE'LL HAVE TO DO THE EXPLANATIONS WITHOUT THE PROBLEM CHILDREN...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WITHOUT A
CRIMINAL
RECORD.
DELILAH
KANKKUNEN,
AGE TWEN-
TY-FOUR...
SWEDISH

WHAT A
WAY TO
PASS
TIME.
SHE READS
STENDAHL
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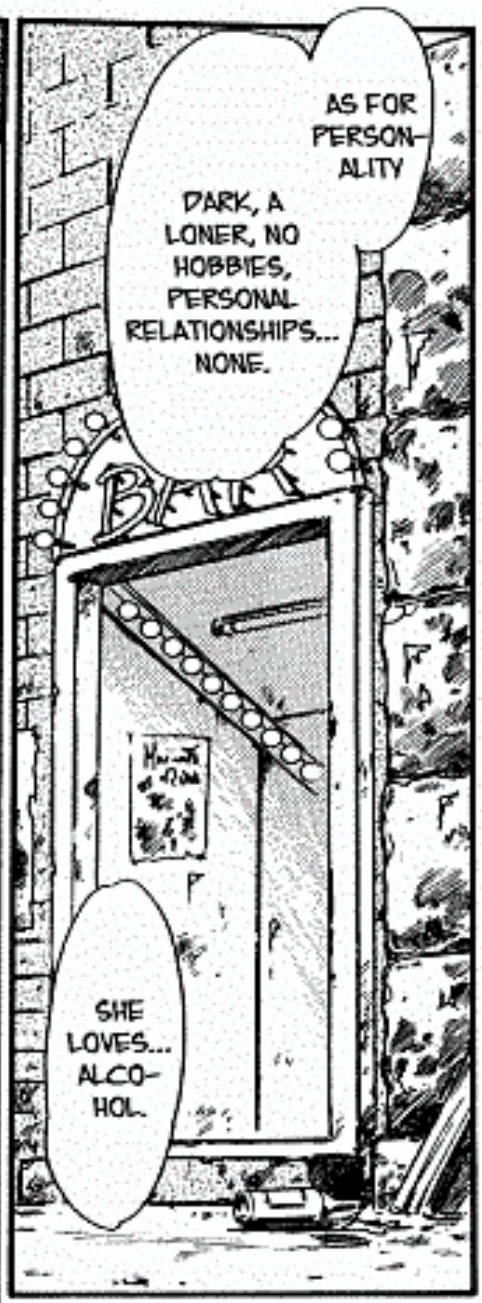
Vodka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NONE.
SHE
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ALCO-
HOL.

THIS IS MY SECOND, LIEUTENANT HELGA MITTELMEIER.
THE COMMANDER OF DIVISION M.
WHERE YOU'VE BEEN TRANSFERRED.
MARIE ROSEBANK.
I STILL HAVE TWO DAYS OF LEAVE LEFT. MY ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS SAID MY NEW DUTIES START DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
WHAT I DO UNTIL THEN IS UP TO ME.
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY HOME.
TO BE IN THIS DANK BARROOM FROM NOON ONWARDS...
AND DRINKING STRONG BOOZE. THAT'S BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH.
.....
IT'S MY JOB TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FITNESS OF MY AGENTS.
I'M HEALTHY.

FOR ANYTHING ELSE, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO CHECK MY PERSONAL DATA.
MEASUREMENTS 95-60-92 (CM) EXACTLY THE SAME AS WHEN I SIGNED UP.
HEIGHT, 178 CM. WEIGHT, 56 KG.
BLOOD PRESSURE: NORMAL. NO INTERNAL DISEASE.
MENSTRUAL CYCLE: 26 DAYS ...
CHECK THE OFFICIAL DATA FOR ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW.
BUT I HAVE NOT YET STARTED WITH M, SO THAT REG. DOES NOT APPLY TO ME.
THE COMMANDER, YES...
snicker...
HELGA...
ACCORDING TO COMPANY REGULATIONS, WHEN FORMING A NEW ORGANIZATION...
THE COMMANDER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MUSTER THE UNIT. REG. 31.
ARE YOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES?
WHATEVER
MAY I SIT NEXT TO YOU?
Why you...
!!

SO...I WANT TO KNOW ALL MY TEAM MEMBERS AS WELL AS I CAN.
OUR WORK IS DANGEROUS. INJURIES ARE PAR FOR THE COURSE...AND DEATH IS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.
I DON'T WANT TO WHITEWASH THIS.
MARIE WOULD NEVER BE SUCH A COWARD.
TO PUT SOMEONE UP AS A SHIELD SO THE BULLETS DON'T HIT YOU...IS THAT IT?
SO YOU CAN SAVE YOUR OWN ASS.
I HAVE TO LIVE...SO I CAN BRING EVERYONE ELSE BACK WITH ME... THAT'S MY JOB.
I DON'T HAVE ANY DOUBT... I WILL BRING YOU AND HELGA SOME TERRIBLE TIMES.
BUT... PLEASE... GIVE ME YOUR SUP-PORT...

TRUST...
WELL...I'LL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY. I SUPPOSE THERE MUST BE SOME-THING IN IT FOR ME.
SERIOUSLY?
I KNOW ABOUT THE TERRIBLE TIMES...BUT DO YOU HONESTLY THINK A SOFTIE THAT WOULD GIVE HER SUPPORT TO ANYONE EXISTS IN THIS WORLD?
...SHEESH
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GIRL...
NEXT...?
SHE'LL COME AROUND FOR SURE...
DON'T WORRY

WHAT IS IT?
Ahhh
W-WHAT?
UWAHH!!
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?
DETONICS

THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED SO WE CAME IN TO FIND YOU GETTING THE WORKS FROM A DUDE.
WE RANG THE DOORBELL, BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF AN ANSWER...
No, no, no, Helga... goodness
just a little more and I'd have been in heaven...
I THINK I'D HAVE BEEN MORE GRATEFUL...
IF YOU COULD HAVE WAITED ANOTHER FIVE SECONDS,
WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP. YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.
DIVISION M...!?
I AM HELGA SHE IS THE NEW COMMANDER OF DIVISION M, MARIE ROSEBANK.
DON'T USE THAT LANGUAGE WITH US.
DO YOU ASSWIPES TAKE PLEASURE IN INTERRUPTING A GIRL WHEN SHE'S HAVING FUN?
So sorry...
I'M SO SORRY...WE ARE IN A BIT OF A HURRY...

KU KU KU... TRUST?...
UH-HUH... THAT'S RIGHT.
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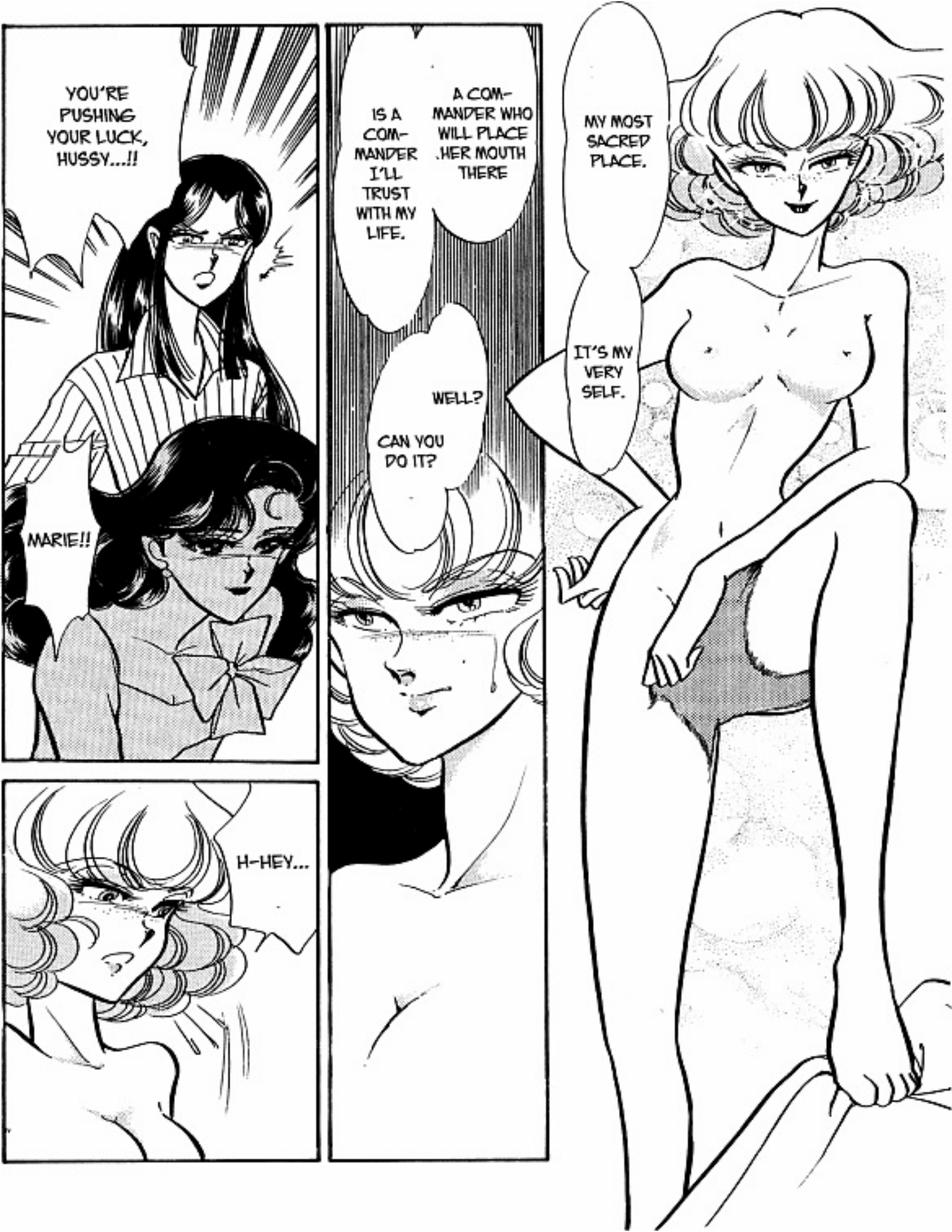
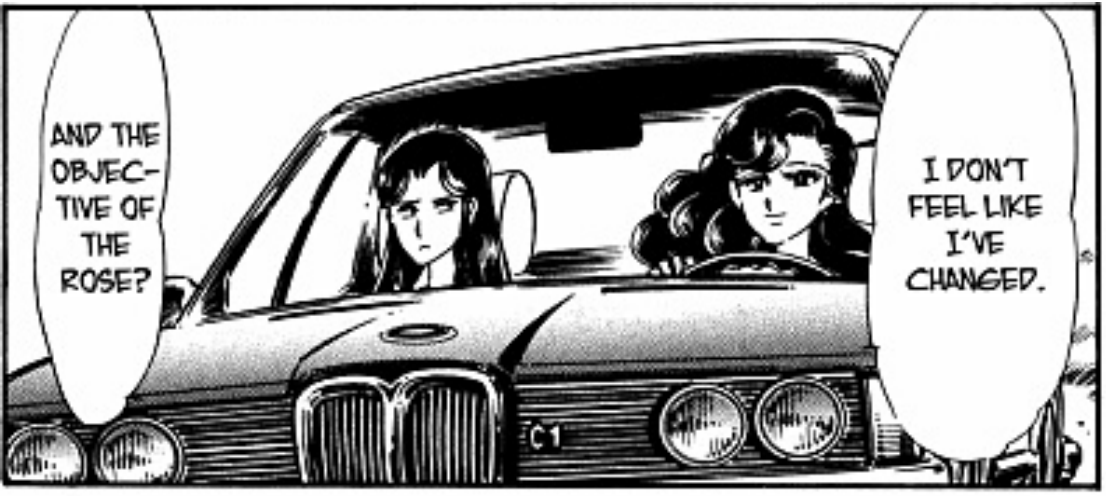
IF YOU KISS ME DOWN HERE, I'LL BE HAPPY TO TRUST YOU.
FINE I'LL TRUST YOU.


YOU'RE PUSHING YOUR LUCK, HUSSY...!!
MARIE!!
H-HEY...
A COM-MANDER WHO WILL PLACE .HER MOUTH THERE
IS A COM-MANDER I'LL TRUST WITH MY LIFE.
WELL?
CAN YOU DO IT?
MY MOST SACRED PLACE.
IT'S MY VERY SELF.

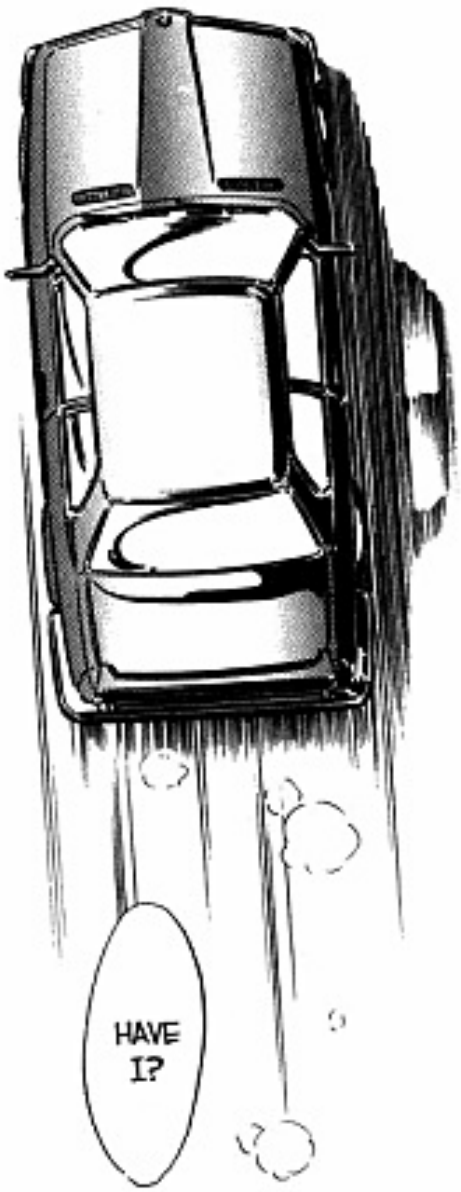
FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD ABANDON HER LIFE FOR MY SAKE, I'LL GRANT ANY FAVOR.
S-STOP!! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE!?
KYAH!!
YOU HAVE A BOTTOM LIKE LITTLE BABY.
SMOOCH
I'M GETTING DRESSED NOW... TURN AROUND.
F-FINE... SHEESH...
A- ARE YOU GAY?
MARIE


AND THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ROSE?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'VE CHANGED.

YOU... HAVE REALLY CHANGED SINCE WE WERE TOGETHER IN THE YARD.

MY REASON FOR COMING TO CAT IS UNCHANGED...
TO KILL WITH MY OWN HANDS THE MAN WHO CARVED THIS SCAR OF A ROSE ON MY BREAST

UH-HUH ...YES


HAVE I?

TERRORIST... GRYPHON...
AND SNATCHED AWAY MY BELOVED HUSBAND AND CHILD...

UNTIL THEN...THERE IS NO WAY I CAN DIE...
AND...I CAN'T ALLOW ANYONE TO DIE FOR MY SAKE,
ATTEN-TION!!

AT EASE!!
THIS IS OUR FIRST JOB AS DIVISION M.
WE WILL BE OPERATING IN EL LOMBRE.
MANALI IN SOUTH AMERICA IS A HOTBED OF COMMUNIST GUERRILLA TERRORISTS. THE CAPITAL EL LOMBRE IS ALREADY A LAWLESS AREA.
NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT, BUT EVEN THE POLICE AND ARMY DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO COMBAT IT.

TWO DAYS AGO, A MEETING AT THE PENTAGON ENDED IN A DECISION FOR AMERICAN TROOPS TO INVADE MANALL
OUR...CAT'S MISSION IS TO ENTER EL LOMBRE BEFORE THE U.S. INVASION AND GET THE FAMILIES OF PRESIDENT MENDOZA AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
I WILL EXPLAIN THE MISSION PLAN.
SO OUR FIRST JOB IS TO SKIP OUT AT NIGHT.
HAH!
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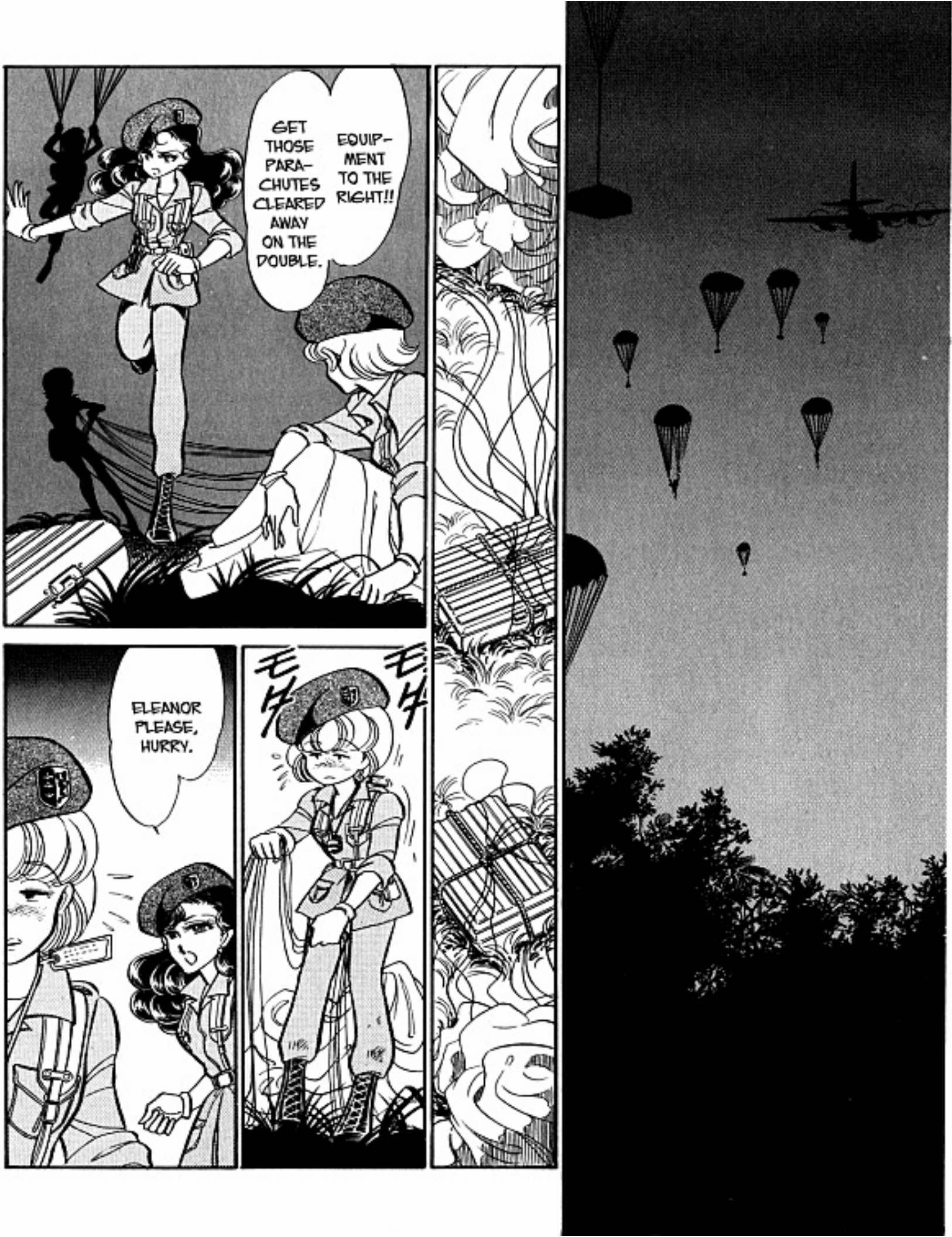
WE WILL LAND AT A POINT THIRTY-FIVE CLICKS NORTH OF EL LOMBRE AT THREE A.M.
TOMORROW MORNING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RIGHT!!
GET
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CLEARED
AWAY
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DOUBLE.
ELEANOR
PLEASE,
HURRY.
EH

!
YOU... WHAT'S THIS...
LIN!!
GIVE ELEANOR A HAND.
YES, SIR!
OH...IT'S JUST THIS GIRL...
WHAT IS IT?
IN CASE OF NUISANCE, PLEASE PULL STRING.
THE EXPLOSION IN FIVE SECONDS MAY BE A BENEFIT TO EVERYONE.
WHAT ...IS THIS?
ELEANOR...
WHO TOLD YOU TO DO THIS?
.....
COMMANDER... THAT'S HER GOOD LUCK CHARM.

WHAT!?
THE PREVIOUS Q COMMANDER GAVE IT TO HER.
ELEANOR IS SLOW AND DULL-WITTED AT WHATEVER SHE DOES.
WITHOUT THIS, SHE'D PROBABLY GET KILLED BY ONE OF HER OWN TEAM'S BULLETS.
SHE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING NO LESS THAN THREE AGENTS TO THE NEXT WORLD.
ELEANOR!! TAKE THAT OFF AND HAND IT TO ME.
THAT'S TERRIBLE!!
IT LOWERED THE STRESS OF THE TEAM.
IF SHE WAS IN THE WAY, SHE COULD BE DISPOSED OF AT ANY TIME.
AND...BECAUSE OF HER WE ALL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH A HIGHER LEVEL OF DANGER.
RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH SHE HATES IT, THAT'S THE REASON SHE NEVER REQUESTS DISCHARGE OR REASSIGNMENT.
SHE NEEDS THE PAY OF AN ACTIVE DUTY AGENT.

SHE QUALIFIED UNDER THE WIRE, AND NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ROTATE HER SOMEWHERE ELSE.
SO...THE PREVIOUS COMMANDER PROVIDED US WITH THIS WAY TO GET RID OF HER IF NEED BE.
IT'S ALSO CONVENIENT FOR GETTING HER TO STAY STILL.
YOU CAN PULL ON IT LIKE A DOG'S LEASH.
STOP THAT!!
hieee...
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!!
HOW CAN YOU TREAT A PERSON LIKE THAT?
YOU'LL REGRET IT, COMMANDER...
THIS IS NOT Q.
THIS IS MY DIVISION M, AND WE'LL DO THINGS MY WAY.
ELEANOR...YOUR ABSOLUTE BEST EFFORT IS ALL WE NEED FROM YOU.

WE'LL FLY FROM THIS POINT TOWARDS FLORIDA.
SO...
SO WE CAN'T LEAVE THE COUNTRY THROUGH LOMBRE AIRPORT.
WE CAN'T TRUST THE POLICE OR THE MILITARY,
I SEE.
A C-130 CAN LAND ON IT.
I SAY AN AIRSTRIP, BUT IT ALSO SERVES AS A ROAD. IT'S NOT THAT BIG, BUT IT IS TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED METERS LONG.
A LARGE AIRCRAFT ON AN AGRICULTURAL AIRSTRIP...
IT'S AN AGRICULTURAL AIRSTRIP ORIGINALLY USED BY THE HUDSON PLANTATION.
WE WILL PROVIDE ESCORT TO A LOCATION TWENTY CLICKS INLAND FROM EL LOMBRE.

THANK YOU.
SO...I LEAVE OUR WIVES AND CHILDREN IN YOUR HANDS.
THIS WILL ALLOW US TO FOCUS ON OUR GOVERNMENTAL DUTIES TO THE UTMOST WITHOUT RESERVE.

NOW LET'S BE OFF!!
YOU CAN RELY ON US, MR. PRESIDENT...

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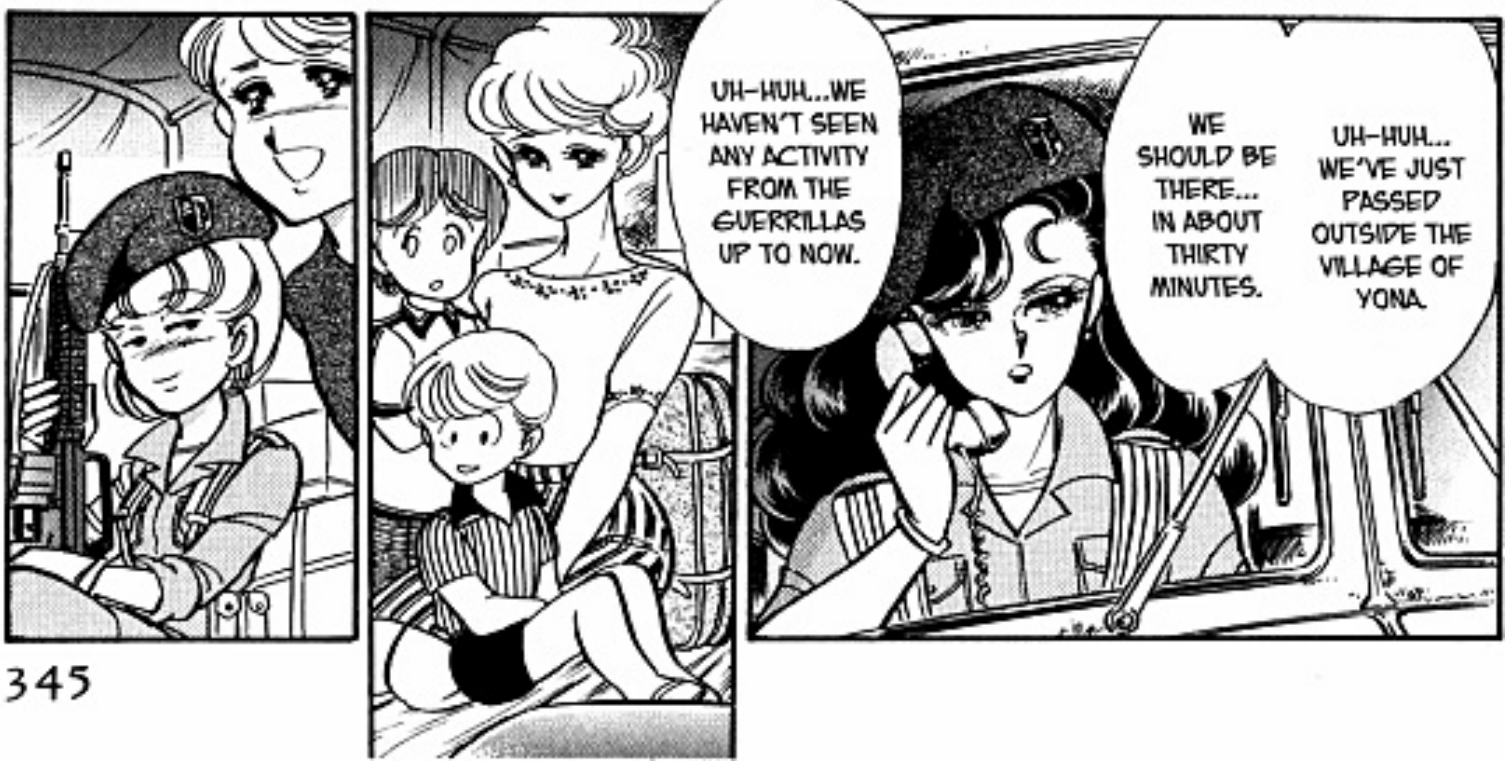
UH-HUH...WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ACTIVITY FROM THE GUERRILLAS UP TO NOW.
WE SHOULD BE THERE... IN ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.
UH-HUH... WE'VE JUST PASSED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE OF YONA.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING UNUSUAL HERE EITHER.

THE TRANSPORT PLANE SHOULD BE LANDING IN FIVE MINUTES.

LIEUTENANT! IT'S HERE.

OK!!

IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT ALMOST EXACTLY ON TIME.

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DIVISION M CALLING RUNAWAY ONE.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
RUNAWAY ONE HERE. WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.
AND WE SEE THE LANDING STRIP.

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THE COMMANDER AND THE OTHERS WILL BE HERE IN JUST UNDER TWENTY MINUTES.
WE ARE STANDING BY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STRIP.
OK?
Hey! Come up here!
ROGER!!

YES!!
COME UP HERE.
I'LL TAKE A JOB THIS EASY ANY DAY.

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COOKIE!!
TAKE TWO AROUND THE ENEMY LEFT FLANK!!
ROGER!!
TIM, ALISSA!! WITH ME!
THIS IS BRAVO CALLING KING ONE!!
MARIE, DO YOU READ? WE'VE TAKEN A SURPRISE AMBUSH FROM THE GUERRILLAS, AND OUR TRANSPORT IS DOWN!!
WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED WITH THE ENEMY!!
HELGA!!
WE'RE BRINGING THE TRUCK TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE LANDING STRIP. GET THERE WHILE RETURNING FIRE.
HMPH!!
THIS ENEMY IS NO JOKE.
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EVEN IF IT COSTS US OUR LIFE, WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
DON'T YOU WORRY.
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THERE!!
JESSICA!!
STOP SHORT OF THE LANDING STRIP!!
DELA AND I WILL GO GET HELGA AND THE OTHERS.
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MA MAA!!
KY AH HH H!!
DAMN!!

THEY ARE WELL-EQUIPPED. THE C-130 WAS TAKEN DOWN BY MISSILES.
THE ONES THAT ATTACKED US LOOKED LIKE ABOUT A PLATOON.
UNKNOWN. THE ATTACK JUST STARTED.
HELGA!! DO YOU READ!?
HOW STRONG ARE THE ENEMY FORCES?
WHAT'S OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT?
WE ARE CURRENTLY CUTTING THROUGH THE FARM AND HEADED FOR YOUR LOCATION.
UNDERSTOOD. DON'T DALLY.
IT LOOKED LIKE ABOUT A SQUAD. PROBABLY THEY ARE THE GUARDS.
WE ALSO TOOK ENEMY FIRE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FARM.

LIEUTENANT!!
ONLY TWO MAGA-ZINES LEFT.
PROBABLY BECAUSE WE'RE UNDER SUCH HEAVY ATTACK.
COOKIE'S SQUAD ISN'T ON THE OTHER SIDE YET!!
OH! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY MADE IT IN TIME.

MA-
RIE!!
HEL-
GA!!
WAIT A SEC'. COOKIE TOOK TWO WITH HER.
WE'LL REGROUP THERE.
THERE'S AN ABANDONED FARM HOUSE OPPOSITE HERE.
YOU SAVED US. WE'RE NEARLY OUT OF BULLETS.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-
ING.

THEY'RE BACK!
GOOD WORK!!
JUST WHAT I WOULD EXPECT FROM THE STORM TROOPERS OF C DIVISION.
AND...
TIM'S LEFT LEG IS OUT.
THAT...
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MANALI REGU-LARS...

THE GUERRILLAS AND THE ARMY MUST BE WORKING TOGETHER.
DUMB-ASS...
THE ARMY DESTROYED THE GUER-RILLAS?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT THEY HAD THE EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS OF MANALI REGULAR FORCES.
HOW... COULD
MARIE
BEFORE WORRYING ABOUT TERRORISTS, IT SEEMS WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE SCALE OF THIS REVOLUTION.
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS COUNTRY AT ONCE...
THE NUMBER TROOPS ON THE SIDE OF THE GUER-RILLAS IS INCREASING.
AS TIME PASSES,
THE REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS ARE OUR ENEMIES, SO WE KILL 'EM ALL.
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
MARIE

GET THE SEVERELY WOUNDED INTO THE TRUCK!!
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE FARM HOUSE.
THIS IS DIVISION M!! PLEASE RESPONSE, CAT TACTICAL. THIS IS DIVISION M.
WE'RE IN A FIX...

HEADQUARTERS PROBABLY ONLY SENT A NEW DIVISION WITH LOTS OF ROOKIES BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE A PRACTICE MISSION.
LOOKS LIKE IT BACKFIRED...
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OUR RESERVE FOOD AND WATER WILL ONLY LAST TWO DAYS...AND THAT'S ONLY FOR THE PERSONNEL IN M.
THIS WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE A SECURITY AND EVACUATION MISSION. IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO LAST DAYS.
THEN...POP AROUND THE CORNER TO A STORE AND PICK UP ANOTHER ONE.
COMMANDER!!
THE TRANSMITTER HAS STOPPED DUE TO LOW BATTERY POWER.
IN OUR CURRENT-STATE, BOTH OF THEM ARE TOO RISKY.
NEIGHBORING ZAMBIKU IS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY CLICKS OVER MOUNTAIN ROADS.
LEAVING FROM THE COAST WOULD BE BEST, BUT THE NEAREST COAST IS A HUNDRED FORTY CLICKS.
WHAT DO WE DO? WE CAN'T COMMUNICATE.

THAT... WOULD BE GREAT. BUT WE CAN'T COUNT ON IT...
MAYBE HEADQUARTERS ALREADY KNOWS AND IS SENDING ANOTHER PLANE.
THE TRANSPORT PLANE LOST CONTACT BECAUSE IT WAS SHOT DOWN.
EVEN IF THEY SEND ANOTHER, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO LAND.
ANYWAY, THE PLANE THAT WAS SHOT DOWN LEFT A CRATER IN THE RUNWAY...
FOURTEEN TROOPS, THREE WOUNDED... FOUR WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN IN BATTLE...
EIGHT CIVILIANS... AMONG THEM FIVE CHILDREN.
I CAN ONLY COUNT ON...ABOUT SEVEN IN REALITY...
OH MY. ARE YOU SLEEPY?
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COMMAN-
FIGHTING DER!!
HAS BROKEN
OUT IN THE
CITY BETWEEN
FACTIONS OF
THE ARMY
FIRST
DIVISION.
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AHH...MY
HUS-
BAND...
OHHH...
WE...
CAN-
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BY TOMORROW
MORNING, THE
ENTIRE ARMY
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HAVE GONE
OVER TO THE
GUERRILLAS...
THE BAD
NEWS IS
COMING
TOO
FAST...

AN ARMY CHOP-PER!!
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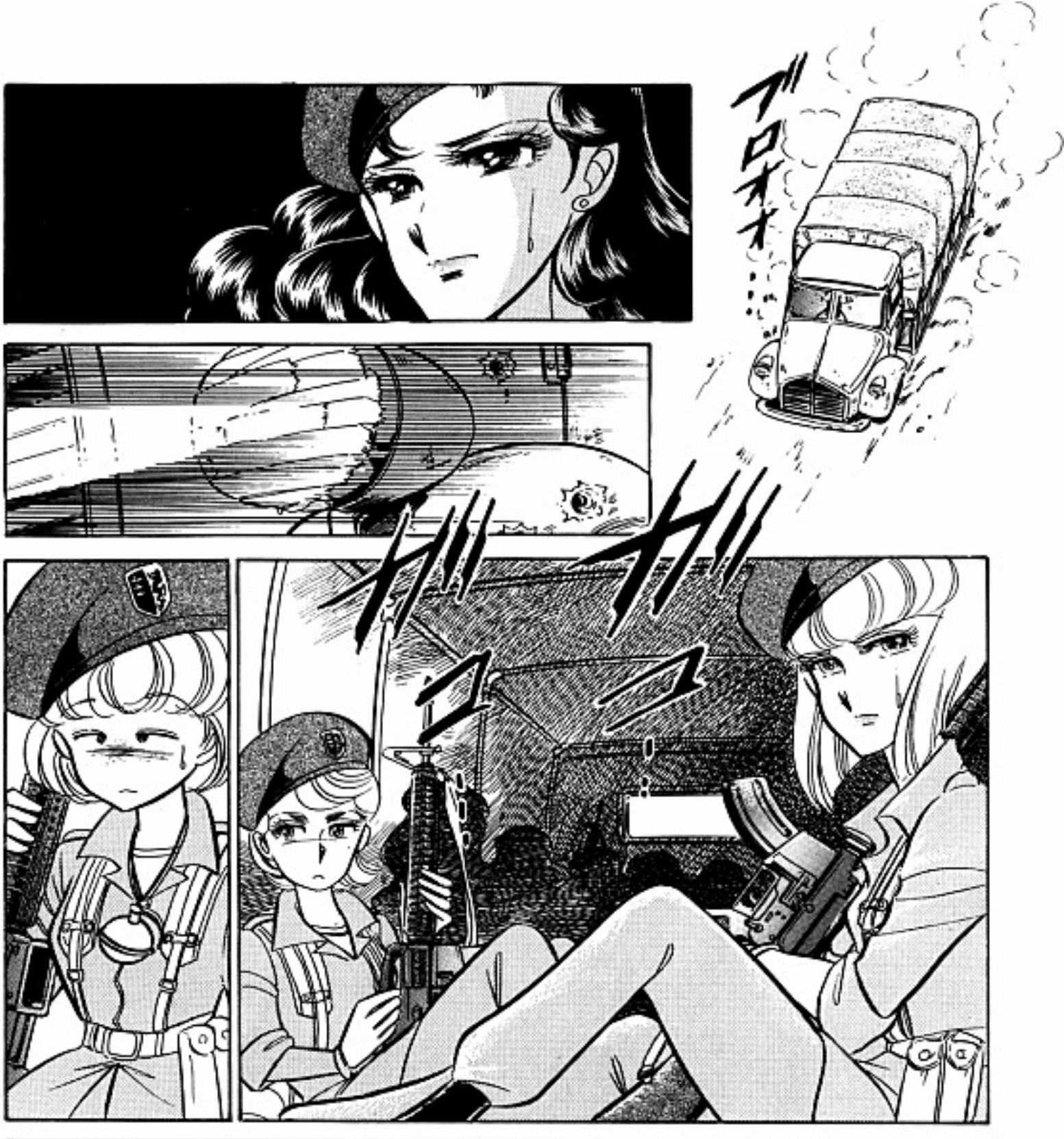
NO...IT SEEMS TO BE JUST PASSING OVER.
IS IT LAND-ING?
I WONDER IF THERE IS A BASE NEAR HERE...
NO ONE WILL KNOW WHO IS FRIEND OR FOE.
IF THE ARMY IS FIGHTING ITSELF, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY MESSED UP.

MAYBE THE TROOPS WE FOUGHT EARLIER WERE FROM THERE.
ABOUT THIRTY CLICKS AWAY...
THERE'S A BLUE A MARK... APPARENTLY IT'S A SUPPLY BASE.

WE'RE GONNA BLAST OUR WAY THROUGH.

YES...I FLEW THEM IN THE MARINES.
IRENE, YOU KNOW HOW TO FLY A CHOPPER, RIGHT?

SURELY YOU AREN'T...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ELEANOR... YOU PUT THAT THING ON AGAIN.
CUT IT OUT.
The commander took it away... but you...
AH... UH-HUH
Oh... this is a different one...

AGENTS THAT DIE IN BATTLE GET A HEFTY LIFE INSURANCE PAYOUT.
IT'S OKAY... I DON'T MIND DYING IN BATTLE...
IF YOU SCREW UP IN BATTLE, YOU'LL DIE.
...ELEA-NOR...
BUT...AN INJURY WOULD BE DISASTER...THE PAYOUT IT ISN'T THAT MUCH. IT'S JUST PAIN.
SO...I'M TERRIFIED OF GETTING HIT...
IT'S TRUE I'M AN IDIOT, BUT MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE REALLY SMART...
IF I WORK HARD FOR FIVE YEARS IN THE FIELD, OR IF I GET KILLED IN BATTLE, THEY'LL HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION.

WE COULD EXPLAIN OUR SITUA-TION...
COMMANDER...IF THOSE ARE REGULARS...THAT HAVEN'T YET GONE OVER TO THE GUERRILLAS,
WELL?
I DON'T... THINK THAT WILL WORK.
AND THEY WOULD MAKE A GIFT OF THEIR CHOPPER...
THAT ONE WILL WORK.

IF THEY SLAUGHTER THE VIP FAMILIES AND US,
THEY COULD USE THAT AS A GIFT TO JOIN THE REVOLUTION.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE GOVERNMENT IS ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE.
AND ANYWAY... NO MATTER HOW STRONG WE MAY BE,
WE STILL HAVE... WOMEN'S BODIES.
LOOKING FOR REASON ON A BATTLEFIELD IS LIKE LOOKING FOR WATER IN A DESERT.

IRENE, DELA, AND CHERYL. YOU THREE ATTACK THE CHOPPER!!
JAA
YES, SIR!
JAA, COM-MAND-ER
ELEANOR, LIN, AND CINDY. I'M LEAVING THE VIP FAMILIES AND WOUNDED UP TO YOU.
U-UNDER-STOOD.
HELGA... TAKE THE RIGHT FLANK.
JAA
ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.
SET YOUR CLOCKS, MARK 4...3... 2...1
ENGAGE!!

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JESSICA, WHETHER IT'S EXPLOSIVES OR CHOKING, YOU KNOW HOW TO END A LIFE QUICKLY.
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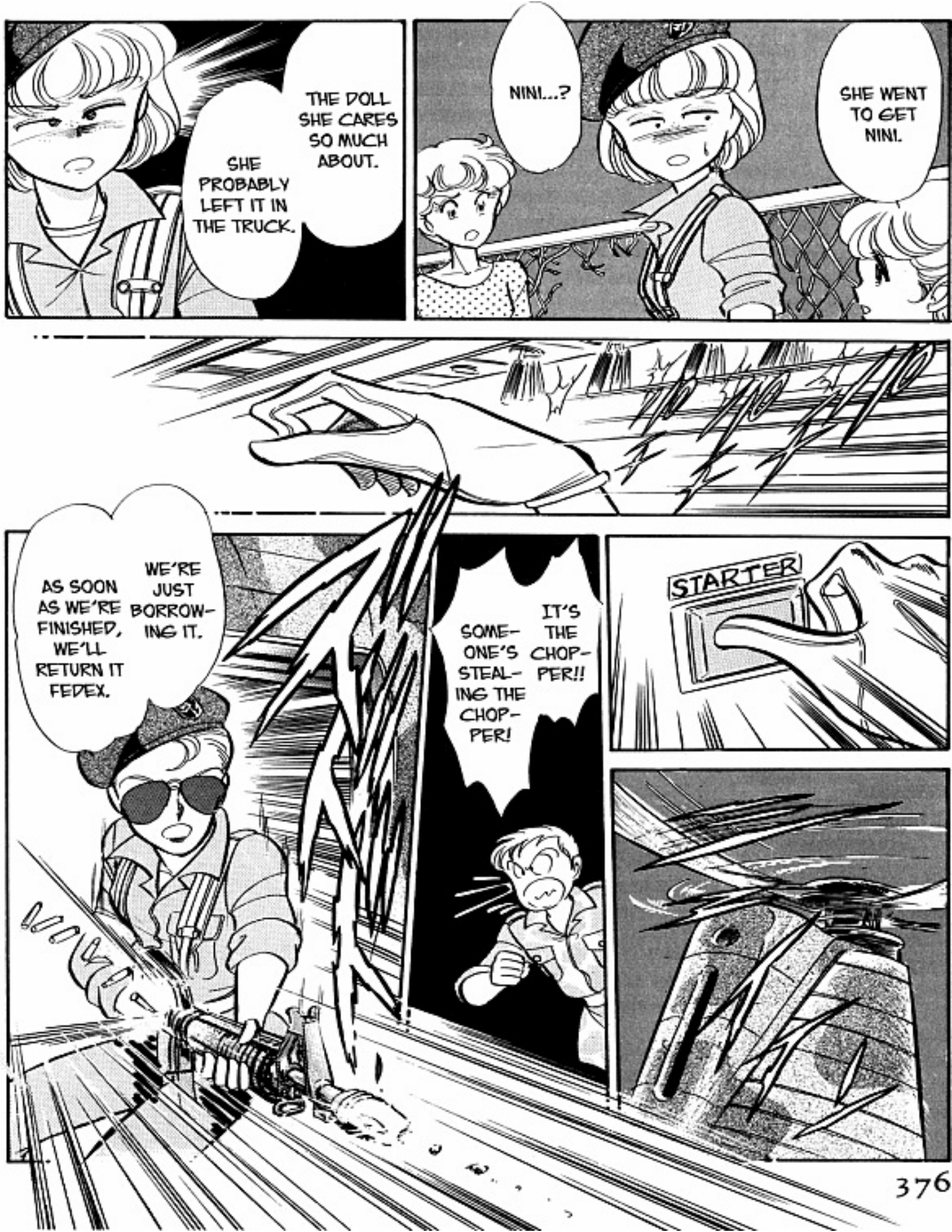
WE'RE COVERING YOU, SO ON THE SIGNAL, RUN TOGETHER AS HARD AS YOU CAN.
FROM THE OUTER FENCE TO THE CHOPPER IS ABOUT FIFTY METERS.
C'MON. THIS WAY.
NINI!!

OK!!
SEND THE SIGNAL.
IRENE. THE LOCK IS OPEN.
TSK!!
IS THIS THE FINALE YET?
HERE WE GO!!
CAN I HELP YOU?
CARMIL-LA ISN'T HERE.
SHE WAS HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO.
CARMILLA, WHERE ARE YOU!?
CAR-MILLA! CAR-MILLA!


THE DOLL SHE CARES SO MUCH ABOUT.
SHE PROBABLY LEFT IT IN THE TRUCK.
NINI...?
SHE WENT TO GET NINI.
STARTER
IT'S THE CHOPPER!!
SOMEONE'S STEALING THE CHOPPER!
WE'RE JUST BORROWING IT.
AS SOON AS WE'RE FINISHED, WE'LL RETURN IT FEDEX.

HERE THEY ARE!
THAT... KLUTZ...MAKING TROUBLE AGAIN...
A DOLL?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!! IT WENT WELL. LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
WE REALLY... SHOULD HAVE YANKED THAT STRING.
ELEA-NOR DID?
UMM...

MARIE!!
AFTER THREE MINUTES, TAKE OFF NO MATTER WHAT.
I'LL GO. WAIT FIVE MINUTES... NO, THREE MINUTES.
I'M SORRY... I'M SORRY...
BUT...I HAD TO GET NINI.

THREE MI-NUTES ...ARE UP.
WE'RE LEAV-ING!!
HOLD ONTO SOME-THING.
PHEW...THAT'S WAS CLOSE...AND WE'VE GOT NO AMMO LEFT.

This is...the end...
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TOO... LATE...
THEY'VE LEFT.
THEY LEFT ME BEHIND...
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STOP!! IT'S ME!
COM- MAN- DER...

YOU'VE DONE WELL, ELEANOR.
IF YOU HAD ABANDONED CARMILLA AND NINI,
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE FORGIVEN YOURSELF.
BUT... THE CHOP-PER.
MARIE!!

HURRY!! GRAB THE ROPE. WE'VE GOT NO WEAPONS.
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HELGA!! THAT'S A MISSILE LAUNCHER!!
WE'RE DONE FOR!!
OOF... THEY'RE AIMING!!
WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO FIGHT THEM WITH!!
KEEP RUN-NING!!
MARIE!! THAT'S SUICIDE!
IRENE!! FLY STRAIGHT OVER THAT LAUNCHER!

THE EXPLOSION IN FIVE SECONDS MAY BE A BENEFIT TO EVERYONE.
IN CASE OF NUISANCE, PLEASE PULL STRING.
ELEANOR!! DO YOU HAVE THEM?
Y- YES.

MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED
-2208HRS-
DIVISION M! THAT'S A WRAP!!

THREE DAYS LATER, AMERICAN FORCES ENTERED MANALI. THE ARMY, MARINES, AND AIR FORCE EACH SENT TWO DIVISIONS.

THE MANALI CONFLICT WAS OVER IN SEVENTY-EIGHT HOURS.

AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO ELEANOR...

SHE'S ... STILL WITH US.

AS HEAD OF SUPPLIES, THAT WOULD BE MY ADVICE TO YOU, COMMANDER MARIE.

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW HEAVY IT IS OR WHAT A PAIN IT IS AND CARRY THE EQUIPMENT ANYWAY.

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